Welcome to Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) — California State Parks’ first SVRA. Located in the San Benito Mountains, just an hour’s drive from San Jose, this unique SVRA allows for over 6,000 acres of off-road trails and San Pasqual Valley. Visitors are drawn to the natural beauty of the park’s oak woodlands, rolling hills, lush canyons, seasonal creeks and the many miles of OHV trails for all vehicle types and skill levels.

Special Events

Areas within the park can host outdoor and special events — everything from family reunions, wellness events, and trail rides, to group camping and club events. For more information, to book a special event, please email hollister.hills.EVENTS@parks.ca.gov or call 831-637-3892.

Education

Hollister Hills SVRA offers a variety of educational programs including OHV safety training, nature hikes, school presentations, and community outreach. For more information about these programs, please call the District Office at 831-637-3892.

Nature Area

The Nature Area, located in the Lower Ranch, is available for non-motorized recreational opportunities including hiking, mountain biking and nature viewing. This 285-acre area encompasses a network of scenic trails available for exploration and enjoyment. The entrance to the Nature Area is located at the West end of Madonna Camp. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

Getting Involved

Volunteering: Hollister Hills SVRA offers many opportunities for volunteers. For those interested in joining the team, volunteer opportunities include trail patrol, education and outreach, resource management, and trail work. For more information about volunteering, please call the District Office at 831-637-9837.

Contact Information: Association: Hollister Hills OHV Association (HHOHA) is a non-profit organization that supports Hollister Hills SVRA and its mission of providing sustainable OHV recreation. HHOHA is dedicated to educating and promoting the responsible recreational experience of park visitors. For over 20 years, members have assisted in a wide variety of activities ranging from organizing model-club rides to scheduling family-oriented special events for club members. To get involved or find out more, please visit www.hhoha.org.

Lower Ranch

Accessible Trails: The Grand Pikes Trail (GP Trail): Accessible to the Upper Ranch, the GP Trail is a closed course trail set in a natural terrain, making Hollister Hills SVRA a great destination for all. The GP Trail is accessible through a variety of unique trails, including the designated accessible trails, the nature trail, and the wheelchair-accessible trail. For more information, please call 831-638-3892 or www.hps.org/hollisterhills.

Day Use/Camping

Day use and camping at Hollister Hills SVRA are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees collect for access to the Main Entrance Station at the Lower Ranch. Day use is allowed throughout the area, including the designated accessible camping areas. Hook-ups and a dump station are not available.

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There are four campsgrounds in the Lower Ranch — Walnut, Lodge, Bee, and Palm. All campsites have water and electrical connections. Radio Ridge, a day use area north of the main entrance and west of the park, provides additional water and electricity. For more information, please call 831-638-3892 or www.hps.org/hollisterhills.

Rental Rates:

Picnic tables, a pit toilet, and interpretive displays are located at the Windmill area. These fees are subject to change without notice.

Park Resources

Hollister Hills SVRA is home to many species of plants and animals, including California tiger salamander and California mule deer, both listed federally as threatened, and Garnet’s yew, a unique and isolated variety of the yew species. The park is committed to protecting these species, while preserving and enjoying the high-quality sustainable OHV recreation opportunities. Rainy season work is currently underway to improve the trail design, monitor wildlife habitat, implement erosion control measures, maintain roads and trails, expand the access to protection and education areas, and address invasive plant and animal species within the park. Managing natural and cultural resources requires constant vigilance. Through the park you may encounter trail reroutes, fencing, gates, and/or closed areas. Please do your part to ensure that Hollister Hills SVRA will be enjoyed by you and future generations by staying on trails, respecting wildlife, and staying out of vegetated and closed areas.

Rider Responsibilities

Be Prepared:

OHV recreation is a great way to connect to the outdoors. To ensure your enjoyment and experience, be prepared for the unexpected.

ATV Laws

In California, there are laws specific to operating ATVs on public lands.

Passenger/Pet Policies

All passengers are required to have an approved helmet at all times while riding an ATV on any road in California.

ATV Safety Certificate Requirement

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Free ATV Safety Training

Free ATV Safety Training may be available from the manufacturer or any other state or federal law or regulation. It is recommended that all ATV riders be trained in order to operate an ATV safely and effectively.

Accessibility

California State Parks supports equal access. All papers and materials that are distributed or obtained by the public shall be accessible to individuals with disabilities who need assistance to contact the Park Office at 831-638-3892 or www.hps.org/hollisterhills.

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