

Outdoor/Nature Programs

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Turtle Rock Nature Center

1 Sunnyhill Drive, Irvine 92603 • 949-724-6738

The Nature Center, located at the base of the San Joaquin Hills, serves as a community resource for environmental interest and concern. The five-acre nature preserve is both home for wildlife and an outdoor classroom where visitors and program participants learn to protect our natural environment. Group tours are offered on a reservation basis.

Bommer Canyon Campout

Bring the family, a tent, sleeping bags and chow for an 'overnighter' in Irvine's wilderness. Enjoy rustic camping at the Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp with a BBQ for cooking, campfire songs and stories, nature walks and a slide presentation. Adult must accompany children under 18. Fee is per person. Ages 2+.

#72734 Sa-Su 3pm-11am May 23-24 BC \$11/person

Bommer Canyon Earth Day

Earth Day is a celebration and appreciation for the Earth's environment. It is intended to encourage awareness of our planet and how to take care of it. Join Open Space staff and the Irvine Ranch Conservancy as we celebrate Earth Day with vendors, food, family and fun. More info: 949-724-6738.

Sa 9am-4pm Apr 25 BC Free

Fire Ring Extravaganza

How about dessert by the fire that can be created and roasted by your family on our Nature Center campfire ring? Bring a flashlight and stroll the Nature Center trail for a fun family evening. All ages welcome.

#70244 F 6pm-8pm May 1 TRNC \$4

Jammin' in the Canyon

Bring your acoustic instruments and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians for a 'circle jam' in Bommer Canyon. Swap tunes, develop skills in playing with others, and entertain the wildlife. Dusty fiddles, wheezy accordions, warped guitars, squeaky clarinets and singers welcome! Ages 12+.

#70249 Su 10am-12pm Apr 19 BC \$2

Jr. Docents

Do you want to learn how to lead nature tours? This program will train you on the local habitat as well as the flora and fauna of our local wildlands. Learn how to lead interpretive hikes and assist during trail tours at Bommer Canyon and the Turtle Rock Nature Center. Ages 12-17.

#68295 Tu 4pm-5:30pm Apr 21-May 12 BC \$52

Moonlit Marshmallows

Would your family like to make warm and gooey S'Mores by a campfire? Each session runs one hour and includes open access to our nature trail plus making and eating dessert by the fire. Bring a flashlight and stroll the Nature Center trail for a fun family evening. Fee is per person, adults must accompany children. All ages welcome.

#70245	F	7pm-8pm	Apr 3	TRNC	\$3
#70246	F	8pm-9pm	Apr 3	TRNC	\$3
#70247	F	7pm-8pm	Jun 5	TRNC	\$3
#70248	F	8pm-9pm	Jun 5	TRNC	\$3

Open Space 101: Living with Wildlife

What if there is a raccoon in the attic? In order to live peacefully and safely with many species of wild animals and birds, it is important to understand their habits and needs. Kim Cherney, Program Specialist with the Irvine Police Department presents an informative seminar for the whole family. Ages 7+.

#70250 F 7pm-8pm May 21 TRNC \$2

Scouts Badge Day

Gather your troop for a day of badge fun! Nature Center staff have designated this day for all scouts looking to fulfill badge requirements. \$6 per scout, minimum of 10 scouts per troop. Call the Nature Center to register 949-724-6738.

Sa May 16 BC \$6/scout

Starry Night

Explore the night sky in Bommer Canyon. Telescopes will bring the universe closer to you as the Orange County Astronomers host this stellar evening. This is your chance to view planets and star clusters. All ages.

#70241 F 8:30pm-10:30pm Jun 19 BC Free

Second Saturdays

meets the second Saturday of each month, 9am-Noon

March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13

Help make a difference in the Turtle Rock Nature Center! Bring the family for some fresh air and exercise and join us for our monthly land-steward day! Projects vary and include: trail maintenance, invasive plant removal and general conservation. Bring your own gloves and tools (labeled), hat and closed-toed shoes. Other tools, water and light refreshments provided. Parents must accompany children under 18. Call for additional project info. Ages 16+.

BADGE PROGRAM

Attention Scouts!

Turtle Rock Nature Center will help your troop fulfill requirements leading to specific badges. A trained staff member will lead your group through an active, interpretive program in this unique learning environment. Badge programs are 1.5 hours in length. Fee: \$6 per child and a minimum of 10 participants or \$60. More info: 949-724-6738. The Nature Center also offers a variety of Eagle Scout projects and community service opportunities for scouts.



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Register for these classes at www.irvineranchwildlands.org and click "Let's Go Outside"

Registration is easy, no Client ID's required!

► BIKING

Mountain Bike Ride - Advanced

Sa	7:30am-11:30am	Apr 18	QHTH	Free
Su	5pm-8pm	May 31	QHTH	Free

Mountain Bike Ride - Epic

Sa	7am-3pm	Jun 6	QHTH	Free
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Mountain Bike Ride - Intermediate

W	8am-11am	Apr 1	QHTH	Free
W	8am-11am	Apr 15	QHTH	Free
W	8am-11am	Apr 29	QHTH	Free
Sa	7:30am-11:30am	May 2	QHTH	Free
W	8am-11am	May 13	QHTH	Free
W	8am-11am	May 27	QHTH	Free
W	7am-10am	Jun 10	QHTH	Free
W	7am-10am	Jun 24	QHTH	Free
Su	5pm-8pm	Jun 28	QHTH	Free

Mountain Bike Ride - Beginner Clinic

Sa	8am-12pm	Apr 11	BC	Free
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► HIKING

Distance Hike

Sa	7:30am-12:30pm	Apr 11	OH	Free
Sa	7am-12pm	May 16	QHTH	Free
Sa	7am-12pm	Jun 27	BC	Free

Extreme Cardio Hike

Su	7am-9:30am	Apr 26	OH	Free
Su	7am-9:30am	May 24	OH	Free
Su	7am-9:30am	Jun 28	OH	Free

Full Moon Hike

Th	7:30pm-10pm	Apr 9	BC	Free
F	8pm-10:30pm	May 8	BC	Free
Su	8pm-10:30pm	Jun 7	BC	Free

Interpretive Hike

W	7am-10am	Apr 1	BC	Free
Sa	7am-10am	Apr 4	OH	Free
Th	8am-11am	Apr 16	BC	Free
Sa	9am-12pm	May 2	BC	Free
Th	4pm-6:30pm	May 7	BC	Free
Sa	7am-10am	May 9	OH	Free
Tu	7pm-10pm	May 12	BC	Free
Tu	5:30pm-8:30pm	May 19	PORT	Free
F	5pm-8pm	Jun 5	BC	Free
Tu	5:30pm-8:30pm	Jun 16	BC	Free
Sa	9am-11:30am	Apr 4	QHTH	Free
Sa	9am-11:30am	May 9	QHTH	Free
Sa	9am-11:30am	May 30	QHTH	Free
Sa	9am-11:30am	Jun 13	OH	Free
Su	6pm-9pm	Jun 7	QHTH	Free
Su	5:30pm-8:30pm	Apr 19	BC	Free

Last Friday of Month Hike

F	8am-12pm	Apr 24	OH	Free
F	8am-12pm	May 29	PORT	Free
F	8am-12pm	Jun 26	HICKS	Free

Picnic & Sunset Hike

Su	6:30pm-9pm	Jun 21	BC	Free
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Mid Week Hike

W	8am-12pm	Apr 8	QHTH	Free
W	8am-11am	Apr 22	BC	Free
W	8am-12pm	May 6	QHTH	Free
W	8am-11am	May 20	BC	Free
W	7am-11am	Jun 3	QHTH	Free
W	7am-10am	Jun 17	BC	Free

Orchard Hills Sunset Hike

Su	5pm-7:30pm	Apr 5	OH	Free
Su	5pm-7:30pm	May 3	OH	Free
Sa	5:30pm-8pm	Jun 13	OH	Free

Wilderness Access Day

Sa	9am-3pm	Apr 25	BC	Free
Sa	8am-2pm	May 23	QHTH	Free
Sa	8am-2pm	Jun 20	BC	Free

► MORE CHOICES

Equestrian Ride

Sa	9am-1pm	Apr 25	QHTH	Free
Sa	9am-1pm	May 30	QHTH	Free
Sa	9am-1pm	Jun 27	QHTH	Free

DIRECTIONS

- **Bommer Canyon (BC):** Traveling south on Culver Drive (or north on Bonita Canyon Drive), turn onto Shady Canyon Road. Drive 1.2 miles until you reach Bommer Canyon Road. Turn right; speed limit is 16 mph. Follow 0.8 of a mile until you reach the buildings. Park on the left, away from the picnic area.
- **Hicks Canyon (HICKS):** Follow Jeffrey Road north. As you pass Portola, look for a fenced lot on the left (northwest) corner. Signs will direct you to the parking area.
- **Nature Center (NC):** Traveling south on Culver Drive (or north on Bonita Canyon Drive), turn onto Shady Canyon Road. Drive approximately 1.5 miles until you reach Sunnyhill Drive. Turn left onto Sunnyhill and make the first left into the parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. The Nature Center is the small brown building on the right.
- **Portola Staging Area (PORT):** Follow Jeffrey Road north, to Portola Parkway, turn right on Portola Parkway, follow Portola Parkway approximately 3.5 miles to 241 Toll Road, cross over Toll Road and enter gate on Portola Parkway (there are signs that say road is a dead end, continue through the gate anyway), the Portola Staging Area is on the left.
- **Quail Hill Trail Head (QHTH):** Traveling south on Sand Canyon, proceed through the round-about and continue on the Shady Canyon leg. The parking lot is on the right, just past the fire station, across from the athletic fields.

RAIN POLICY In the event of rain, Open Space Programs may be cancelled.

FACILITY RENTAL Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp in Bommer Canyon is the perfect location for your next special event such as company picnics, weddings, family reunions and campouts. Amenities include: picnic tables, a covered stage, lighting, barbecue pit, sand volleyball court and horseshoe pits. Call 949-724-6620 to make a reservation.

