

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.

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.

#67887 F 6pm-8pm Feb 6 TRNC \$4/person

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.

#67885 F 6pm-7pm Jan 9 TRNC \$3/person
 #67886 F 7pm-8pm Jan 9 TRNC \$3/person
 #67914 F 6pm-7pm Mar 6 TRNC \$3/person
 #67915 F 7pm-8pm Mar 6 TRNC \$3/person

Open Space 101: Got Green?

Going green doesn't happen overnight. But what are the best steps to take? And how much money does it cost? We'll offer suggestions on how to reduce your 'carbon footprint' and provide other tips that will help you 'go green' and live sustainably. The benefits are incredible, and you might end up saving money too!

#67882 Th 7pm-8pm Feb 12 TRNC \$2

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+.

#67883 Su 10am-12pm Mar 1 BC \$2

Serenity Walk

From the heart of the labyrinth to the secluded amphitheater and passage along 'Riparian Way,' join us as we explore the philosophical side of nature in a journey that is a half mile long and a universe wide. The program will include warm up stretches, a nature journal, and a brief group discussion. All ages. Adults must accompany children under 18.

#67893 Sa 9am-10:30am Feb 21 TRNC \$2
 #67919 Sa 9am-10:30am Mar 28 TRNC \$2

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Second Saturdays

Meets the second Saturday each month, 9am-noon
 December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14

Meets the second Saturday each month, 9am-noon. 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+.

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 16mph. 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 in 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.



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For more information on classes on this page, call 714-508-IRLR (4757)

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

Now registration is easy, no Client ID's required!

▶ BIKING

Mountain Bike Ride - Advanced

Sa	9am-1pm	Jan 3	QHTH	Free
Su	9am-1pm	Feb 1	QHTH	Free
Sa	2pm-6pm	Mar 7	QHTH	Free

Mountain Bike Ride - Intermediate

W	9am-1pm	Jan 7	QHTH	Free
W	9am-1pm	Jan 21	QHTH	Free
W	9am-1pm	Feb 4	QHTH	Free
W	9am-1pm	Feb 18	QHTH	Free
Su	9am-1pm	Mar 1	QHTH	Free
W	9am-1pm	Mar 4	QHTH	Free
W	9am-1pm	Mar 18	QHTH	Free

Mountain Bike Ride - Beginner Clinic

Sa	9am-1pm	Jan 17	QHTH	Free
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Mountain Bike - Intermediate Clinic

Sa	9am-1pm	Feb 7	QHTH	Free
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▶ HIKING

Distance Hike

Sa	9am-2pm	Jan 24	QHTH	Free
Sa	9am-2pm	Feb 28	BC	Free
Sa	3pm-8pm	Mar 28	PORT	Free

Extreme Cardio Hike

Su	7am-9:30am	Jan 11	HICKS	Free
Su	7am-9:30am	Feb 8	HICKS	Free
Su	7am-9:30am	Mar 8	HICKS	Free

Full Moon Hike

Sa	5:30pm-8pm	Jan 10	BC	Free
M	5:30pm-8pm	Feb 9	BC	Free
Tu	7pm-9:30pm	Mar 10	BC	Free

Hicks Sunday Evening Wilderness Walk

Su	2:30pm-5:30pm	Jan 4	HICKS	Free
Su	2:30pm-5:30pm	Feb 1	HICKS	Free

Interpretive Programs in Open Space

Th	8pm-11:30am	Jan 29	BC	Free
Th	8am-11am	Jan 8	QHTH	Free
Sa	9am-11:30am	Feb 7	BC	Free
Sa	9am-1pm	Jan 10	BC	Free
Su	9am-11:30am	Feb 15	QHTH	Free
F	6pm-8:30pm	Feb 20	BC	Free
Th	8am-11am	Mar 5	BC	Free
Su	10am-12pm	Mar 8	BC	Free
Su	6:30pm-10pm	Mar 8	BC	Free
Sa	8am-11am	Mar 14	BC	Free
Tu	8:30am-10am	Mar 24	QHTH	Free

Last Friday of Month Hike

F	9am-1pm	Jan 30	PORT	Free
F	9am-11:30am	Feb 27	PORT	Free
F	9am-1pm	Mar 27	HICKS	Free

Mid Week Hike

W	9am-1pm	Jan 14	QHTH	Free
W	9am-12pm	Jan 28	BC	Free
W	9am-1pm	Feb 11	QHTH	Free
W	9am-12pm	Feb 25	BC	Free
W	9am-1pm	Mar 11	QHTH	Free
W	9am-12pm	Mar 25	BC	Free

Picnic & Sunset Hike

Su	5pm-7:30pm	Mar 15	BC	Free
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Wilderness Access Day

Su	9am-3pm	Jan 18	BC	Free
Sa	9am-3pm	Feb 21	BC	Free
Sa	12pm-6pm	Mar 21	BC	Free

▶ MORE CHOICES

Equestrian Ride

Su	9am-1pm	Jan 25	QHTH	Free
Su	9am-1pm	Feb 22	QHTH	Free
Su	9am-1pm	Mar 29	QHTH	Free

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.

