

# Outdoor/Nature Programs

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## Turtle Rock Nature Center

1 Sunnyhill, Irvine 92603 • 949-724-6738

The Nature Center, located at the base of the San Joaquin Hills, serves as a community resource for environmental interests and concerns. 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 3+.

#73201 Sa-Su 3pm-11am Sep 5-6 BC \$14/person

## Bommer Canyon Family Campout!

Gather your family, a tent and some sleeping bags, and come on down to Irvine's Outback in the mystic Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp. This exciting camping experience will include a BBQ dinner, light breakfast, hikes, games, crafts, campfire fun and much, much more!! Adult must accompany children under 18. Fee is per person. Ages 3+.

#73202 Sa-Su 4pm-10am Jul 18-19 BC \$24/person

## Moonlit Marshmallows

Would your family like to make warm and gooey s'mores by a campfire? Each session runs 1 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. Adult must accompany children under 18. Fee is per person. All ages welcome.

#73766	F	7pm-8pm	Jul 10	TRNC	\$3
#73767	F	8pm-9pm	Jul 10	TRNC	\$3
#73768	F	7pm-8pm	Aug 7	TRNC	\$3
#73769	F	8pm-9pm	Aug 7	TRNC	\$3
#73772	F	7pm-8pm	Sep 11	TRNC	\$3
#73775	F	8pm-9pm	Sep 11	TRNC	\$3

## Starry Nights

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 welcome.

#73787 F 8:30pm-10:30pm Aug 21 BC \$5/family

## FUN AT THE NATURE CENTER

This quarter's classes include:

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- Moving to the Music:
- Sing a Song of Summer – page 7
- Lil' Explorers: I Spy – page 9
- Kids Only: Pizza and Night Hike – page 19
- Birthday Parties – page 19

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

May 9, June 10, July 11, August 8, September 12

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 949-724-6738 for additional projects. Ages 16+.

## DIRECTIONS

- **Bommer Canyon (BC):** Culver Drive south, turn left onto Shady Canyon Road. Proceed 1.2 miles to Bommer Canyon. Turn right; speed limit is 16 mph. Proceed 0.8 mile into the canyon and park on the left past the picnic area.
- **Hicks Canyon (HICKS):** Jeffrey Road north, look for a fenced lot on the left (northwest) corner just past Portola Parkway. Follow the signs.
- **Nature Center (TRNC):** Culver Drive south, turn onto Shady Canyon Road. Turn left onto Sunnyhill, and take the first left into the parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. The Nature Center is the small brown building on the right.
- **Orchard Hills (OH):** Culver Drive north past Portola Parkway. Proceed past a light at Furrow, and take the next left (dirt road). Follow the signs.
- **Portola Staging Area (PORT):** Jeffrey Road north, right on Portola Parkway. Follow Portola Parkway over the toll road and enter gate (signs say road is a dead end, continue through the gate anyway). The Portola Staging Area is on the left.
- **Quail Hill Trail Head (QHHT):** 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](http://www.irvineranchwildlands.org) and click "Let's Go Outside"

Registration is easy; no Client IDs required!

## ► BIKING

### Mountain Bike Ride: Advanced

Sa	7am-11am	Jul 4	QHTH	Free
Sa	7am-11am	Aug 1	QHTH	Free
Sa	8am-12pm	Sep 5	QHTH	Free

### Mountain Bike Ride: Intermediate

W	7am-10am	Jul 8	QHTH	Free
W	7am-10am	Jul 22	QHTH	Free
W	7am-10am	Aug 5	QHTH	Free
W	7am-10am	Aug 19	QHTH	Free
Sa	7am-11am	Aug 22	HICKS	Free
W	8am-11am	Sep 2	QHTH	Free
W	8am-11am	Sep 16	QHTH	Free
Su	3pm-7pm	Sep 27	HICKS	Free
W	8am-11am	Sep 30	QHTH	Free

### Mountain Bike Ride: Beginner Clinic

Sa	7am-11am	Jul 11	BC	Free
Su	8am-12pm	Sep 20	BC	Free

### Mountain Bike Ride: Maintenance Clinic

Sa	7am-11am	Aug 15	BC	Free
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## ► HIKING

### Monday Morning Sunrise Hike in Orchard Hills

M	6am-7:30am	Jul 20	OH	Free
M	6am-7:30am	Aug 3	OH	Free
M	6am-7:30am	Aug 17	OH	Free
M	6am-7:30am	Aug 31	OH	Free
M	6:30am-8am	Sep 14	OH	Free
M	6:30am-8am	Sep 28	OH	Free

### Distance Hike

Su	7am-12pm	Jul 12	OH	Free
Sa	7am-12pm	Aug 8	QHTH	Free
Sa	8am-1pm	Sep 12	BC	Free

### Extreme Cardio Hike

Su	7am-9:30am	Jul 26	OH	Free
Su	7am-9:30am	Aug 23	OH	Free
Su	7am-9:30am	Sep 27	OH	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; 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.



### Fourth of July Firework Night Hike

Sa	7:30pm-10:30pm	Jul 4	BC	Free
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### Full Moon Hike

Tu	8pm-10:30pm	Jul 7	BC	Free
W	8pm-10:30pm	Aug 5	BC	Free
F	7:30pm-10pm	Sep 4	BC	Free

### Interpretive Hike

W	6pm-8:30pm	Jul 8	OH	Free
Th	6pm-8:30pm	Jul 9	BC	Free
W	7:30am-10:30am	Jul 22	OH	Free
Sa	9am-12pm	Jul 25	BC	Free
Sa	6am-8:30am	Aug 1	BC	Free
W	6pm-8:30pm	Aug 5	OH	Free
Sa	7:30am-10:30am	Aug 8	PORT	Free
W	7:30pm-9:30pm	Aug 12	BC	Free
Th	5pm-7:30pm	Aug 20	PORT	Free
Sa	5:30pm-8pm	Aug 29	BC	Free
Th	6pm-8:30pm	Sep 3	OH	Free
Th	6pm-9pm	Sep 3	QHTH	Free
Th	5pm-8pm	Sep 3	BC	Free
Su	8am-10:30am	Sep 13	PORT	Free
Tu	7:30am-11:30am	Sep 22	QHTH	Free
Su	8am-12pm	Sep 27	BC	Free

### Last Friday of Month Hike

F	7am-11am	Jul 31	OH	Free
F	7am-11am	Aug 28	PORT	Free
F	8am-12pm	Sep 25	HICKS	Free

### Picnic & Sunset Hike

Su	5pm-7:30pm	Sep 13	BC	Free
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### Mid Week Hike

W	7am-11am	Jul 1	QHTH	Free
W	7am-11am	Jul 15	OH	Free
Tu	6:30am-9:30am	Jul 28	OH	Free
W	7am-11am	Jul 29	QHTH	Free
W	7am-11am	Aug 12	OH	Free
W	7am-11am	Aug 26	QHTH	Free
W	8am-12pm	Sep 9	BC	Free
W	8am-12pm	Sep 23	QHTH	Free

### Orchard Hills Sunset Hike

Su	6pm-8:30pm	Jul 5	OH	Free
Su	6pm-8:30pm	Aug 2	OH	Free
Sa	5pm-7:30pm	Sep 5	OH	Free

### Wilderness Access Day

Sa	7am-12pm	Jul 18	BC	Free
Su	7am-12pm	Aug 16	BC	Free
Sa	8am-1pm	Sep 26	BC	Free

## ► MORE CHOICES

### Equestrian Ride

Sa	8am-12pm	Jul 25	QHTH	Free
Sa	8am-12pm	Aug 29	QHTH	Free
Sa	8am-12pm	Sep 26	QHTH	Free