

CCHC Outings trip
Pinnacles National Park
April 2-5, 2023

Sign-ups open Jan. 3-17, 2023



The CCHC Outings Committee will take sign-ups **January 3-17, 2023** for a hiking trip to Pinnacles National Park in the spring. Pinnacles is a scenic national park located near Hollister. As described on its website www.nps.gov/pinn/index.htm “Some 23 million years ago multiple volcanoes erupted, flowed, and slid to form what would become Pinnacles National Park. What remains is a unique landscape. Travelers journey through chaparral, oak woodlands, and canyon bottoms. Hikers enter rare talus caves and emerge to towering rock spires teeming with life: prairie and peregrine falcons, golden eagles, and the inspiring California condor.”

A Sunday hike at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park in San Martin is planned for a pre-check-in option. A short 3.3 miles, 300’ elev. gain warm-up. We will be taking *moderate to strenuous* hikes on Old Pinnacles Trail to Balconies Cave (5.3 miles out & back, 500 ft. elev. gain), High Peaks-Condor Gulch Loop (5.6 miles, elev. gain 1,600 ft), and Bench Trail to South Wilderness Trail (5.2 miles out & back, 200 ft elevation gain). A group dinner is planned for Tuesday evening.

Trip leaders are Dorothy Bradt, Lynne Vogensen, Diane Cannon and Rosemary Johnson. Sign up by texting (preferred) or calling Lynne at 925-899-4030 *only during the sign-up window* of **January 3-17, 2023**. Any attempt to sign up outside of the sign-up window will not be valid.

Just a reminder that all CCHC members are invited to sign up for overnight trips. However, members who contribute to club activities will be given priority for selection. (See CCHC Outings Information, Qualifying Criteria for Outings at <https://contracostahills.org/membership.html>)