

Newsletter

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve



General Store



Hand sanitizers, but fancy

We are ready for warm(er) weather!



Sunscreen and bug bracelets...what bugs?

Pedal Boats are open daily from 9:00AM-4:00PM. Standard boats \$17/half-hour Specialty boats \$24/half-hour

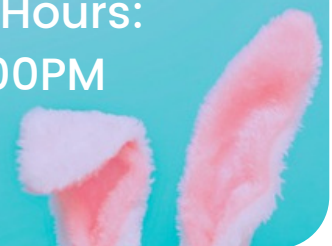


Santee Lakes' towels for the Pools & Sprayground



Shades, guarenteed to look cool

General Store Hours:
8:00AM - 5:00PM
Daily



Events



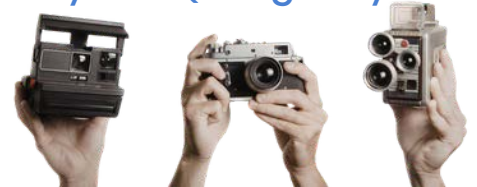
Camper Egg Hunt

Get ready to gather some eggs, make some crafts and have a blast! All the fun begins at the Clubhouse on **April 4** from **10:00AM-12:00PM**. Egg hunters will receive a goody bag while they last (the goody bags, not the egg hunters).



Easter Bunny on Deck

You bring the camera and the smile, and we will bring the Easter Bunny, a beautiful backdrop and a face painter! Join us on the Deck **April 4** from **1:00PM-3:00PM**. All kiddos will receive a goody while they last (the goody not the kiddos).



Things you should know if you are coming on Easter Sunday:

- Park hours are 6:00AM-7:00PM.
- Picnic areas & Gazebos are first come, first served.
- Parking will be limited.
- There will be no re-entry if parking is full.
- The Gate Fee is \$10.
- Blue Annual Parking Passes are not valid.
- Pedal boats will be open 9:00AM-4:00PM.
- No RV parking available.
- No confetti, it harms the birds.
- Be patient, it's one of our busiest days of the year.
- When your day at the Park is over, please remove your trash.
- Have a great time and a happy Easter!

Easter at the Lakes



Events



Catfish Opening Weekend April 11 & 12

Get ready for our Catfish Opener! We are stocking 2,500 lbs. of Channel catfish stocked in Lakes 2, 3, 4, and 6 & 7.



Teach them to fish at Fishing 101 April 4 & 18 | 9AM-10:30AM

Need some tips or a refresher on catching fish at Santee Lakes? You are in luck. Ranger Tyler or Ranger Annabella will be on site to help everyone from the beginner to the seasoned anglers. Meet at the General Store. Please purchase your permit from the General Store and bring your bait and rods.



Create on Deck April 4 | 10AM-12PM

This will be a fun and relaxing crafting session where you'll design your own Easter or Spring themed wooden sign on deck in front of a lovely view! It's a great way to celebrate spring and add a personal touch to your Easter decor. Sign up [HERE](#)



The Sprayground is back! Open daily 10AM-6:30PM

It has been warming up and the best way to cool off is at the Sprayground! For \$3 Monday through Friday or \$5 on weekends, it's a great way to spend a warm afternoon.

Wear sunscreen and bring your friends!

Upcoming Events



Concert Series on Deck Saturdays in May | 5PM-7PM

May 2 | Appian way
May 9 | Josie Day Unplugged
May 16 | Jason Mann
May 23 | Gary Seiler
May 30 | 8-Track Highway



Spring Market May 2 | 10AM-3PM



Inspired by the success of our Ladies at the Lake Fall Market is our newest event—Spring Market. Enjoy local vendors with unique items to sell as well as some delicious food trucks!

Create on Deck for MOM May 9 | 10AM-12PM

Get ready to celebrate Mom with family & friends and a beautiful view! Craft your tote bag that you will love and use every day! This is a step by step guided session and will be a fun experience with Mom, a friend or yourself! Sign up [HERE](#).

A promotional graphic for a Mother's Day Tote Bag Workshop. It features a floral border at the top and bottom. The text reads: "Mother's Day Tote Bag Workshop", "Saturday, May 9th | 10:00am - 12:00pm", "A creative experience for moms, daughters, grandmas & friends", "\$40 per person", "All materials & instruction included", "Food & drinks available at Topwater Grill | \$7 parking", and "Register on Eventbrite to reserve your seats | @beckysartworld". There are also small images of people at a table and finished tote bags.



Cornhole Tournament May 30 | 10AM-6PM

Join us for our Cornhole Tournament, now open to everyone! Southern California Cornhole Association will be hosting this tournament at Lake 1. Sign up [HERE](#)

Campground Events



Egg Hunt, Crafts & Later the Bunny on Deck

April 4 | 10AM-12PM

Clubhouse

Be sure to be on Deck at 1PM for EB



Spring Ice Cream Social

April 11 | 1PM - Until it's gone

Clubhouse Lawn



Craftapalooza

April 18 | 2PM - 4PM

Clubhouse



Lion's Club

Pancake Breakfast

April 25 | 8AM-10:30AM

Clubhouse

Fun & Games

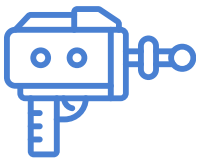
April 25 | 2PM-4PM

Clubhouse

Reservations for September are now open!



October is SPOOKTACULAR at Santee Lakes! Nonstop events and activities will make your stay memorable. Book your October stay online April 30th at 8:00pm santeelakes.com



Sports on the Lawn every Saturday 10AM-11AM (except on April 4, so you can hunt some eggs)

Laser tag is every Friday from 7PM-8PM



Don't forget to come stay with us



Special Offer for Campers



**SPECIAL
OFFER**

DISCOUNT CAMPING OFFER

Ditch the tie--Give Dad the ultimate Father's Day treat
We're celebrating San Diego's NASCAR week + Father's Day with a
special camping offer: Book a NEW 7-night stay that includes
June 19, 20 & 21 and automatically score 20% OFF your camping stay.

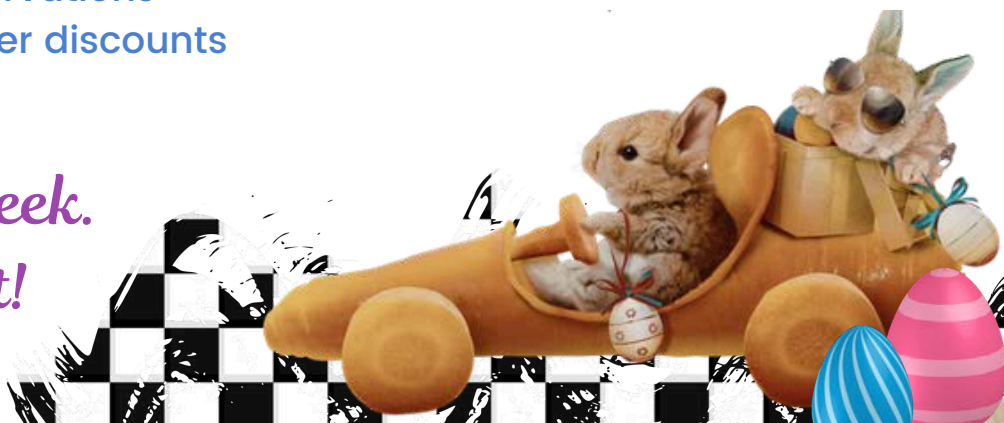
- No promo code.
- No hoops.
- Just book online at santeelakes.com and the savings kick in.

Fine print (because Dad reads the details):

- Applies to a new 7-night stay
- Must include June 19-21
- Camping sites only, Cabins not included in promo
- Not valid on existing reservations
- Not combinable with other discounts
- Applies to 7 nights only

Make it a whole week.

Dad deserves it!



Topwater Grill



Hours:

**Monday - Sunday
7:00AM-6:00PM**

You can now order [ONLINE!](#)



@santeelakes



FREE Wi-Fi with the best view in town? You can find it on the deck.

Try This on Your Next Visit

Staff Picks!



Camping

Cory loves Lakeshore camping with his family and friends.



Fishing

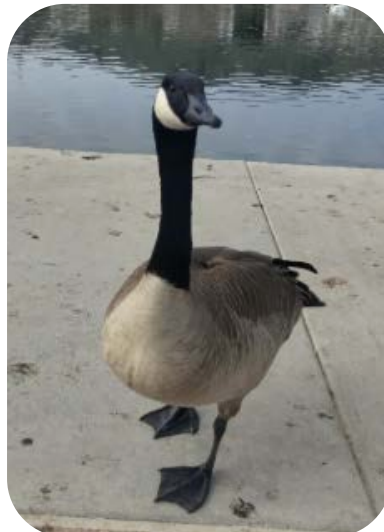
Staffer Tyler, not only teaches guests how to fish, but enjoys fishing in his free time at Santee Lakes!



Feeding our feathered friends

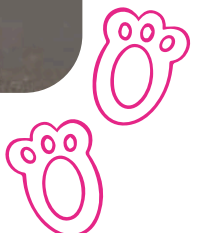
Rebecca said she loves to feed the birds, ducks, geese etc. on her lunch break!

You can purchase healthy food for our friends in the General Store for \$2 a bag.



Walking

Lunch breaks are for walking at the Lakes! Shawna enjoys this daily.



News



Santee Lakes Sycamore Canyon Cell Tower

The cell tower is now live! This upgrade will support stable connectivity throughout the park, campground, and the surrounding neighborhood, with full AT&T optimization by mid-April. The 5G connectivity will not only boost the overall user experience but also enhance fire, life, and safety response times in the area.



Look out for the babies

The baby birds are coming soon (end of April-early May) here at the Lakes so keep an eye out. In the meantime, you can enjoy feeding the birds some healthy duck food-you can get that in the General Store.



Did you know:

- Bread can fill ducks up quickly, preventing them from foraging for their natural food sources like seeds, insects, and aquatic plants, which are much more nutritious.
- Uneaten, soggy bread can decompose and pollute water, leading to increased growth of algae, disease and pests.



A Winning Team

The Santee Chamber of Commerce hosted their Business Awards Night and this year, We were excited to receive the Platinum Award that signifies winning consistent years.



East County San Diego Chamber of Commerce named Santee Lakes as Entertainment & Recreation Business of the Year at their annual awards ceremony.

250 Years is Coming!



July

You can book your campsite now for July and join in the fun! We are celebrating 250 years of independence all month long!

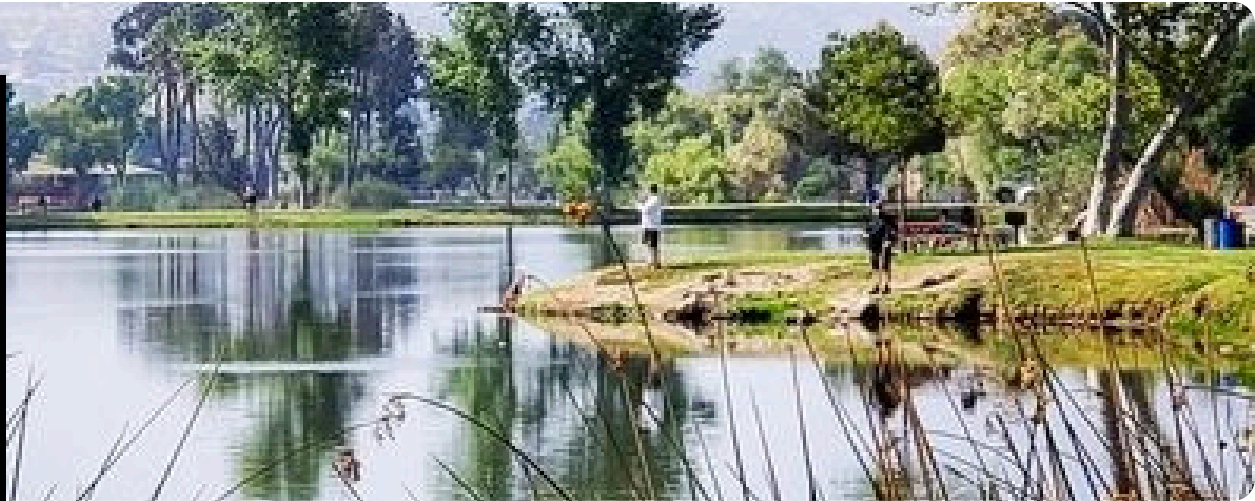


- Classic American Muscle Car Show
- Our famous golf cart & bike parade, leveled up
- 🍩 Donut Eating Contest
- Live concerts
- Golf Cart Drive-in & Dive-in movies
- Water play to beat the heat
- Camper Family Challenge
- Laser Tag battles
- Campfires & s'mores under the stars

...and more!



Santee Lakes Foundation



The Santee Lakes Foundation's primary purpose is to raise funds to support projects in design and to enhance the guest experience at Santee Lakes. The Foundation is committed to promoting the importance of outdoor recreation in conjunction with habitat maintenance through educational opportunities and financial support.

The Foundation is dedicated in our mission to promote the importance of outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental sustainability at Santee Lakes through charitable support in the following areas:

All donations to the Santee Lakes Foundation are tax deductible.

You can make your donation at the Santee Lakes Park Office or mail your donation to:
Tax Id: 27-1296867

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve
Attn: Santee Lakes Foundation
9310 Fanita Parkway
Santee, CA 92071



- **Recreational Programs**
- **Habitat Restoration and maintenance**
- **Environmental education programs**
- **Park improvements and maintenance**

Find out more at santeelakesfoundation.org

Camper Safety



Close Encounters

What do you do if you encounter a Mountain Lion?

If you see a mountain lion, do not run, as this can trigger a chase response. Stop, stand tall, make yourself look big by raising your arms or opening your jacket, and yell or speak firmly. Maintain eye contact, back away slowly, and throw rocks or sticks if it approaches.



What do you do encounter a Rattlesnake?

If you see a rattlesnake, freeze, stay calm, and back away slowly to a distance of at least 10 feet, as they rarely strike unless provoked. Do not try to move, kill, or handle the snake, as most bites occur when people try to handle them. Give the snake plenty of space to escape.



What do you do if you encounter a Coyote?

If you see a coyote, do not run; instead, maintain eye contact, make yourself look big by waving arms, and shout to haze (scare) it away. Pick up small pets/children immediately and back away slowly. If it persists, throw rocks, use a noisemaker, or spray it with a hose.

Rule & Regulation 9.3.9: Motorized Devices



All motorized vehicles, including but not limited to electric bikes, scooters, and skateboards within the Park boundaries shall strictly obey all Park rules and regulations and shall only operate on designated roadways.

Gas powered scooters are prohibited within the Park boundaries. Only electric powered scooters are permitted for use within the Park boundaries. Operators of motorized devices must be at least 12 years of age. All operators, regardless of age, must wear a helmet at all time

Campground FAQs



- Do campers need to purchase a fishing permit?
 - Yes, campers will need a permit. You can purchase a permit at the General Store, Gate house, or Park Ranger.
- How late are campers able to fish in Lake 6 and 7?
 - Campers may fish until 11 PM.
- Do we have to bring our own fire pit?
 - Yes, please bring your fire pit, there are no ground fires allowed.
- Can we set-up a tent on our RV site?
 - No, there is only one camping unit per site. If you wish to set-up additional camping units you can reserve one of our designated tent sites.
- What time is checkout?
 - 11:00AM is checkout for campers, Cabin guest's checkout time is 10:30AM.
- Where is the Campground Bark Park located?
 - The Bark Park is located in the very north west corner of the Campground.
- Can we use an inflatable pool?
 - No, due to safety issues, inflatable pools are not allowed.
- What time is quiet time?
 - 9:00PM is Campground quiet time.
- What time does my fire have to be out?
 - Please have your fire extinguished by 10:00PM
- How many people are allowed on my campsite?
 - Campers can have a maximum of 6 people on each site.
- Can we hang up a hammock?
 - No. Hammocks can be harmful to trees, as well as other safety issues.