

CAMP LIFE

OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve

AHOY!



Visit the General Store!



Hours:

**8:00AM-5:00PM
Daily**



**Mystery Squishies,
Cauldrons and
Witch Ducks are
now on sale!**

HOP TO IT!

MARCH RESERVATIONS ARE
NOW OPEN! VISIT
SANTEELAKES.COM TO BOOK
YOUR SITES FOR A GREAT
TIME TO CAMP IN OUR
CAMPGROUND.

Park Info.



TOPWATER GRILL HOURS:

Monday – Thursday
7:00AM–6:00PM
Friday – Sunday
7:00AM – 6:00PM



NEW PARK HOURS:

Beginning October 1

New park hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday | 7:00AM – 6:00PM

Friday – Sunday | 6:00AM – 6:00PM

REEL FRIGHTS



Don't forget your Santee Lakes fishing permit! No California state fishing license is required to fish at Santee Lakes. Even better—you can purchase your fishing permit right from the Santee Lakes app before you arrive! 📱🐟



Park Events

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Ladies at the Lake Fall Market



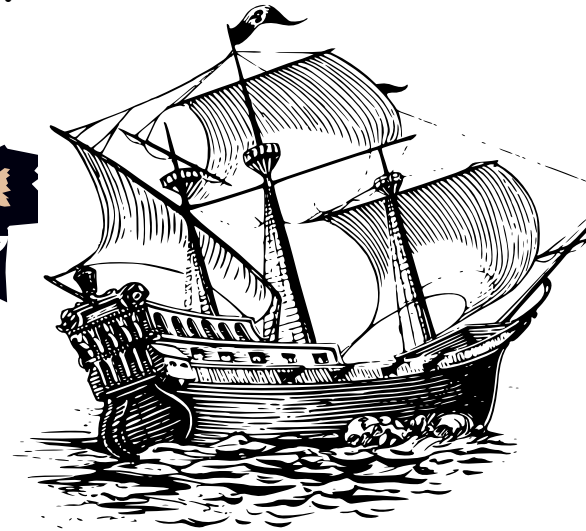
**October 10
10:00AM–3:00PM
Lake 1**



Shop for various vendors that all have something wonderful to offer! Join us October 10 from 10AM–3PM for this favorite event at Lake 1. FYI: free tote bag for the first 200 guests through the gatehouse (one bag per car). The Barn SD, our Title Sponsor, Bella Beverage will be back under the gazebo as well as Burly & The Bean with adult beverages, coffee drinks and flowers!

Spooktacular

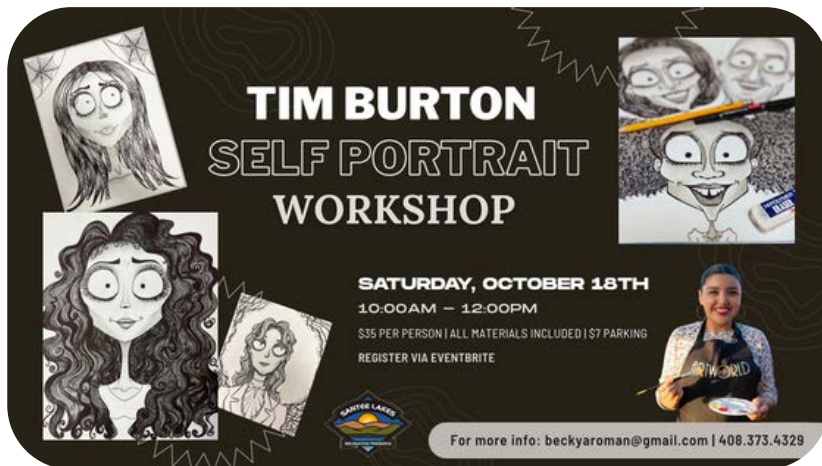
**October 24
10:00AM–2:00PM
Lake 1 & 2**



Spooktacular will set sail on October 24 from 10AM–2PM at Lakes 1 & 2. There will be a trunk-or-treat around Lake 2 and food, games, inflatables, critters and more at Lake 1. You will meet Captain Jack Sparrow and his crew, so be ready to have some swashbuckling fun!

Park Events

Create on Deck



These classes fill up fast! Sign up now.

October 17 | Tim Burton Self Portrait Workshop
10:00AM-12:00PM
2:00PM-4:00PM



You can sign up for November classes now! Drink special provided by Topwater Grill.

November 14 | Fall Mug Session - SIGN UP
10:00AM-12:00PM

November 14 | Christmas Mug Session - SIGN UP
2:00PM-4:00PM



Water Lantern Festival

Water Lantern Festival is an incredible experience where you, your friends, and your family will create a magical memory together. Book your site and grab your tickets to the Water Lantern Festival [HERE](#).

@waterlanternfestival



Campground Events



Bring your costume and your laser tag skills and join us in the Campground for some costume laser tag **every Friday in October from 5PM-6PM.**



Campers play for FREE!



Boo Bash in the Clubhouse **every Friday 5PM-7PM.** Pizza, Goody bags for the kiddos, Photos, Costume Contest and more!



Ghostly fun activities in the Clubhouse on Saturdays in October:

Oct. 3 | Creepy Crafts - 2PM-4PM

Oct. 10 | Pumpkin Carving/Painting - 4PM-6PM

Oct. 17 | Haunted Gingerbread Houses - 2PM-4PM



Trick-Or-Treating in the Campground **every Saturday evening** in October, beginning October 3rd from **6:00PM-7:00PM.**



Don't forget! We will have Sports on the Lawn every Saturday morning from **10AM-11AM** (w/exception of 10/24)



Social Media Info



FOLLOW US!

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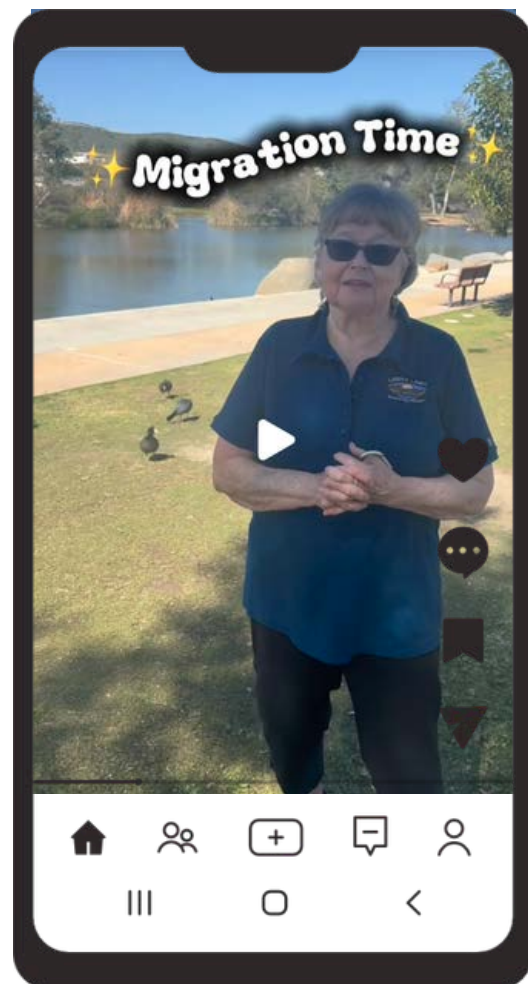
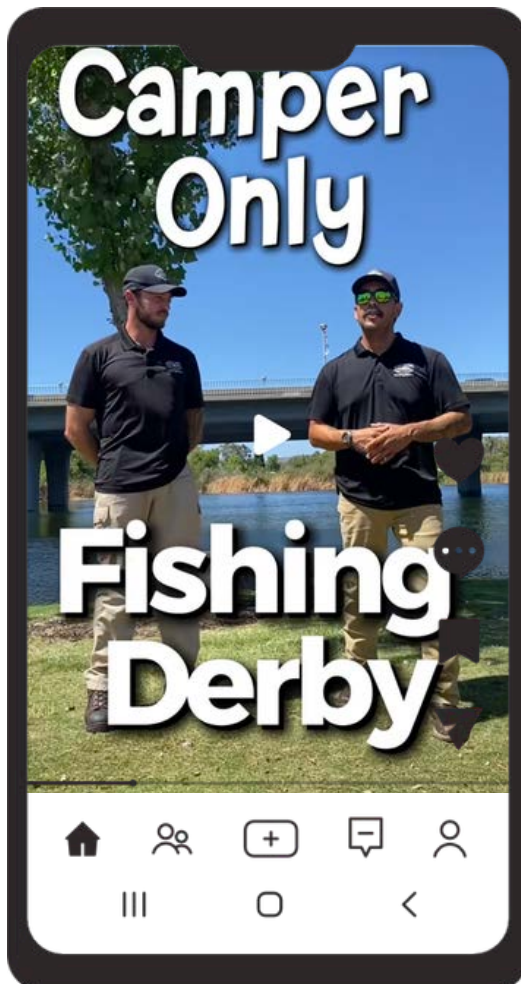
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FISHING REPORTS, PARK UPDATES,
BEHIND-THE-SCENES CONTENT, AND
PLENTY OF FUN VIDEOS FROM AROUND
THE LAKE!



New Faces & New Roles



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Stop by the General Store and say hi to our newest store staff!



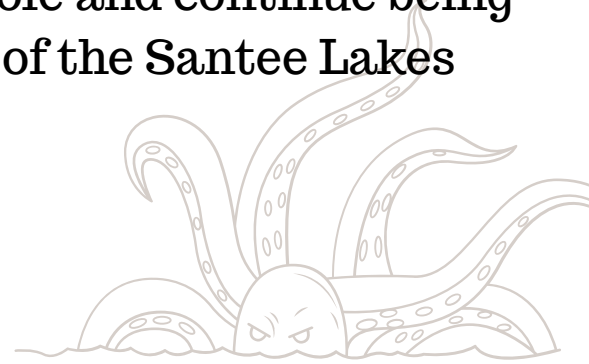
MEET NATHAN!

Help us give a warm Santee Lakes welcome to our new Park Operations Manager, Nathan! We're excited to have him joining the team and can't wait for you to meet him around the park.

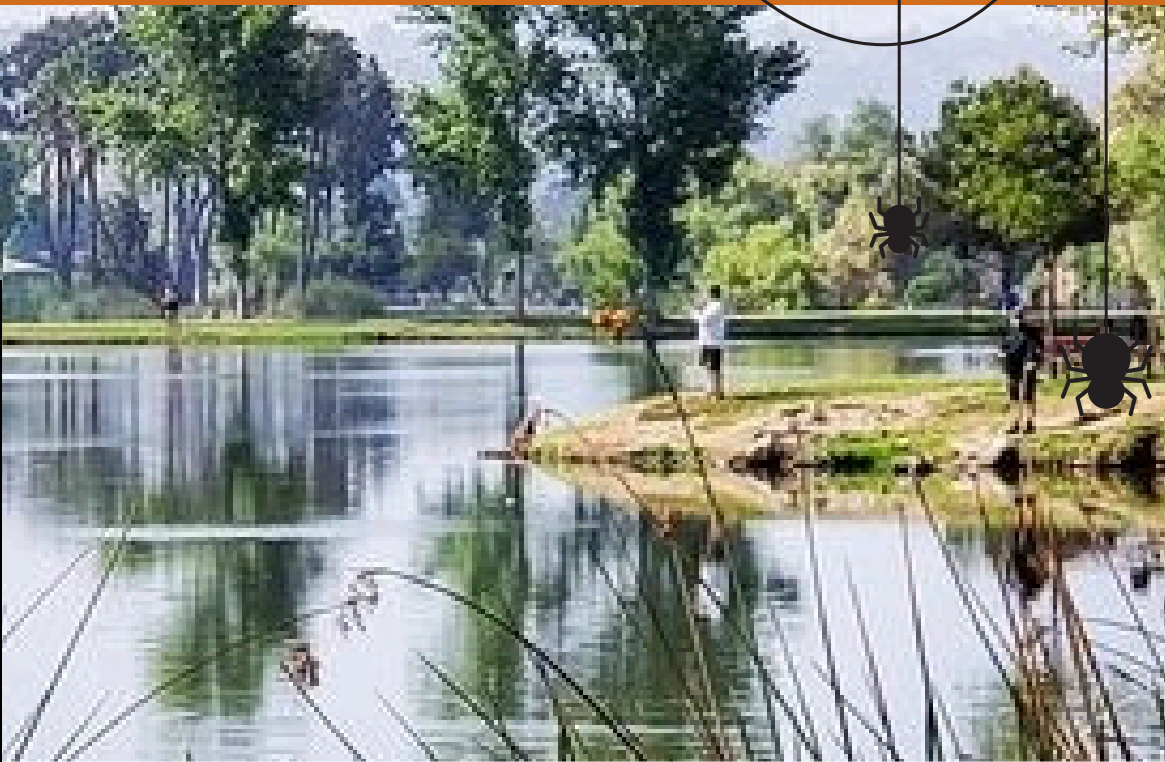


CONGRATS NICK!

A big congratulations to Nick on his promotion to Park Operations Supervisor! We're excited to see him step into his new role and continue being an important part of the Santee Lakes team.



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:

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve
Attn: Santee Lakes Foundation
9310 Fanita Parkway
Santee, CA 92071
Tax Id: 27-1296867



Find out more at
santeelakesfoundation.org



OCTOBER SAFETY REMINDERS

WATCH FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

Kiddos will be trick-or-treating every Saturday in October! Please keep an eye out for little ones, slow down, and use extra caution while driving through the Park & Campground.



E-BIKE SAFETY

If you're riding an e-bike, please follow all park rules and posted speed limits. Parents and guardians, please make sure young riders are following the rules and riding safely around other guests.

A grey flashlight with a yellow beam of light shining towards the right.

👁️ KEEP AN EYE ON THE KIDDOS

As a reminder, our park rules state: "No person shall permit any child under the age of twelve years to be left unattended on the Park or District property." Please make sure children under 12 are supervised while enjoying the park.

**SPEED
LIMIT
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PETS, PUMPKINS & PARK RULES

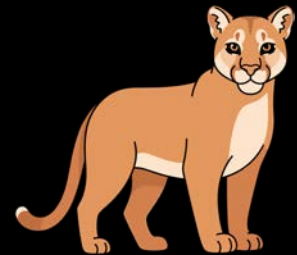


WILDLIFE WATCH: WHO'S ROAMING?

Our campground is surrounded by nature, and our wild neighbors sometimes make an appearance! Coyotes, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions have been spotted nearby.



Please stay alert, keep children and pets close, and give wildlife plenty of space.



KEEP YOUR SPOOKY SIDEKICK ON A LEASH!

Pets are welcome in the campground! Please keep them leashed and under control, and remember that pets are not permitted in day-use areas due to our migratory bird habitat. Service animals are welcome.



DON'T LEAVE A TRICK BEHIND!

Please scoop the poop and dispose of pet waste properly. Let's keep the park clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone—humans and hounds alike! 



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.*
- Are we allowed to set-up a pet fence?
 - *No, pet fences are not allowed in the campground due to safety issues such as unattended/unleashed dogs, and coyotes in the Park.*
- Where is the Campground Bark Park located?
 - *The Bark Park is located in the very north east 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.*