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Park Plans First Major ADA-Accessible Trail

by Libby Vincent

How does this sound—a trail from the Hunting Hollow parking lot down the length of Hunting Hollow, turning south, uphill, to the gate and over the rise, glorious views of the Vale of Kickham, then a gentle descent to the Kickham Ranch. A trail that's accessible for everyone—those who have physical handicaps that limit their mobility or their sight; the elderly, the inexperienced, families with young children who can't manage the rough creek crossings; anyone who feels like an easy walk for a few miles but who wouldn't otherwise think of coming to Coe Park because it's too rugged or hot or wet or steep or remote. A trail that's open in winter when the creek is raging and enjoyable in summer when the heat is intense because it's in shade much of the way. An opportunity for anyone who wants to take an easy walk in Coe Park to enjoy the beauty of the Coast Ranges. Well, this dream began a while ago on a visit to Australia.

I'd always wanted to get to the top of Mt. Kosciuszko, the highest peak on mainland Australia, although "peak" seems an odd descriptor for a summit of 7,310 feet. You'd be right in thinking Kosciuszko is an odd name for an Australian mountain. The Aboriginals called the mountain Tar-Gan-Gil and visited the area for ceremony, socializing, sharing, and trading. Europeans named the peak in 1840 in honor of a Polish patriot and freedom fighter, Tadeusz Kosciuszko. Mt. Kosciuszko is in Kosciuszko National Park in southeastern New South Wales; Kosciuszko National Park is one of the world's largest national parks at more than one and a half million acres and is an area that's recognized internationally as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Until 1974, you could drive to the top of Mt. Kosciuszko, but now you can only walk there in summer or ski there in winter.

One January a few years ago, I took the chairlift from the ski resort town of Thredbo to the top of the Crackenback Range, planning to hike the few miles over alpine moorland, past the headwaters of the Snowy River, to the top of Mt. Kosciuszko. Remember, January is the middle of summer in Australia so I'm hiking, not skiing. When I got off the chairlift, I was amazed to find, within a few hundred yards, an elevated metal walkway, like a grate, that was six feet wide and 8½ inches above the ground; this was the route almost to the top of Mt. Kosciuszko. The walkway serves multiple purposes. It keeps people on one trail rather than scarring the fragile alpine landscape with multiple trails. There was a slight spring in the walkway, which made it easier than walking on hard ground. There was plenty of room for people going both directions to pass each other, and best of all, you could enjoy the splendid sight of wildflowers growing and creeks flowing underneath the walkway. I learned later from a ranger that the steel is not treated (e.g., galvanized or zinced) because the alloys would leach and kill the sensitive alpine flora. The ranger also said the metal walkway forms a microclimate, the vegetation flourishes underneath, and a native rodent, the broad-toothed rat, inhabits the under-track area where it's protected from an introduced predator, the European fox.

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The walkway made for delightful walking, all 3.75 miles of it, and ended at a dirt track that you follow the last half mile to the top of Mt. Kosciuszko. The walkway didn't stand out at all; rather, it blended into the landscape, and you could hardly see it as it undulated over the hills covered with wildflowers in bloom and some last snow. What a delight that such a popular hiking trail allowed sunlight and rain through to nurture the ground beneath, provided shelter for a threatened creature, was easy to walk on, and kept people from wandering all over the place. I was still thinking about it when I returned to California and began to imagine such a walkway paralleling the road down the length of Hunting Hollow. Not yet knowing how difficult it is in California State Parks to build anything, let alone across creeks, I thought it wouldn't matter if high waters in the creek in winter flowed through and over the walkway. It would ease the 23 or so rough creek crossings, and it would provide access to the park for those currently kept at bay by the rough terrain.

I talked about the walkway to Kay Robinson, who was park superintendent until she retired in January 2003. Kay was interested, but nothing happened before she retired. Then in 2005, as a result of a lawsuit, the State of California was required to spend some $12 million to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to state parks. Figuring the time was right, I raised the issue at a meeting of the Trails Advisory Committee in October 2005 to see what people thought of the idea of a metal walkway or some kind of ADA-accessible trail down Hunting Hollow. Rob Glover, who chaired the Trails Advisory Committee until it was disbanded (it is now being reformulated as the Trails and Springs Volunteer Committee), and everyone else at the meeting thought this would be a really good thing to do. Coe Park is such an incredible resource for the Bay Area and surrounding regions; what better goal could we have than to provide access to it to everyone, regardless of their physical abilities or circumstances?

In June 2006, C.L. Price, Gavilan Sector Superintendent, arranged for Karl Knapp, the Department of Parks and Recreation's expert on designing and building trails, to give a class at the Kickham Ranch for Coe friends, volunteers, and staff. Karl's excellent training session was also a great opportunity to get some input on plans for an accessible trail down Hunting Hollow. Karl emphasized the importance of designing and building trails that everyone can use, not just those with disabilities. He also suggested that including destinations and adding features to the trail would enhance its attractiveness. After the class, a number of us drove back to Hunting Hollow and walked with Karl along the road and the creek looking at the possibilities of putting in the trail. Karl saw absolutely no difficulty in planning a route and putting in a trail along the Osos Ridge side of Hunting Hollow, above the 100-year flood level. The trail may or may not be a raised metal walkway; lots of details need to be thought through, planned, and worked out, and cost is always a factor. Karl suggested including some accessible backpacking sites along the route and thought that making the Kickham Ranch a destination would be a fine plan. He thought we would stand a very good chance of getting some funding from the Recreational Trails Program as well as other sources.

In September 2006, Rob Glover and I met up with C.L. Price, Larry Tierney (District Maintenance Chief, Monterey District), Randy Neufeld (Maintenance Chief, Gavilan Sector), and Amy Palkovic (Resource Ecologist, Monterey District). We walked the road and the creek down Hunting Hollow again, checking out the landscape, looking at and thinking about issues. Once again, everyone agreed that putting in a trail along the Osos Ridge side of the hollow is absolutely doable. Park staff are very supportive, and the plan is building momentum. The trail probably won't be an elevated walkway, but it will, hopefully, be six feet wide, will include gentle grades, have some interpretive signs along the way, and perhaps "pullouts" with benches where visitors can sit and enjoy the vistas of the hollow and the surrounding hills. We'll most likely build the trail in stages, the first stage being down to the windmill meadow, which would be a good place to put a couple of accessible backpacking sites. The second stage might be to Fish Pond. The third stage might be to Gibson Pond. The fourth stage might be over the rise and down to the Kickham Ranch.

Planning and building an accessible trail will take years, and there's an enormous amount of work to do. Randy is working on the Project Evaluation Form (PEF), which is required to define any project in State Parks or the Department of Parks and Recreation. The PEF will be used to make a determination of the requirement to follow the full environmental and public review process mandated by the California Environmental and Quality Act (CEQA). And the scope of this trail project is likely to require review by multiple agencies because of potential watershed impact.

In the meantime, Rob Glover and Mike Meyer have made a couple of excursions into the heavily wooded and poison-oak-infested side of Osos Ridge looking for a good alignment for the trail. They got poison oak badly after thrashing around on the hillside in heat and dust, so Rob figured they needed to wait for cooler weather. He also checked out personal protection outfits that would make it possible to scout a route and start hacking back some of the poison oak without getting exposed to it. Rob talked to new volunteer Greg Lee who happens to work for a company that provides personal protection equipment, and lo and behold, the company offers disposable TyVek suits that would meet our needs perfectly. Rob approached the board of the Pine Ridge Association for funds to buy some of these suits, the board enthusiastically approved $400 to cover the cost of a supply, and we'll have them soon.

It's important to be patient and keep the dream alive. One day there will be an accessible trail along Hunting Hollow, and it will be a win for all those who are able to enjoy using it. It will also be a win for Coe Park and the State of California. If you can help scout a route and are able to slog through poison

oak, that would be such a help. If you can make other contributions to helping keep the dream moving toward reality, talk to Randy Neufeld, Rob Glover, or me. It's going to take a lot of time and a lot of work to build this trail, but the result will be enormously worthwhile and rewarding.

Postscript:

A lot has happened since November 2006 when this article was written:

Stuart Organo is now Supervising Ranger of Coe Park, and Eddie Guaracha is now Sector Superintendent.

The Trails Advisory Committee is now the Trails and Springs Volunteer Committee and is chaired by Eddie Guaracha.

Katie Glover worked as a park aide in the summer of 2007 to complete a preliminary Project Evaluation Form (PEF) of the planned route of the accessible trail from the Hunting Hollow parking lot to the Kickham Ranch. She made a map of the proposed route (the dashed line), which is on the next page. Windmill and Fish Pond are highlighted as proposed locations for accessible campsites.

Karl Knapp and Jason Spann from Technical Services, Statewide Road and Trail Program, Department of Parks and Recreation, completed a reconnaissance of the planned route of the accessible trail. They recommended that the trail be routed to Fish Pond and an accessible backpacking site developed there; also that a spur trail be developed to another backpacking site at windmill meadow.

Tim Hyland, environmental scientist for the Santa Cruz District, Department of Parks and Recreation, has conducted a survey of California red-legged frogs along the proposed trail, as well as at Fish Pond. Tim has raised some concerns that will need to be addressed as trail planning goes forward. This work was paid for by the Pine Ridge Association.

Don Beers, retired expert trails developer for the Department of Parks and Recreation, has completed a detailed assessment of trail layout and design, prepared documentation, and developed a cost assessment of the accessible trail. This work was also paid for by the Pine Ridge Association. During this assessment, Don, Rob Glover (active PRA member and uniformed volunteer), and Eric Griggs (park maintenance worker) reconnoitered and flagged a route to Fish Pond from the Hunting Hollow parking lot with a spur to the windmill.

A lot of people—park staff, PRA volunteers, and friends of Coe Park—have made significant contributions to the development of the Hunting Hollow accessible trail. Many thanks to all of them, and especially to Rob Glover who has done a huge amount of work on this project.

Henry Coe Park Hike

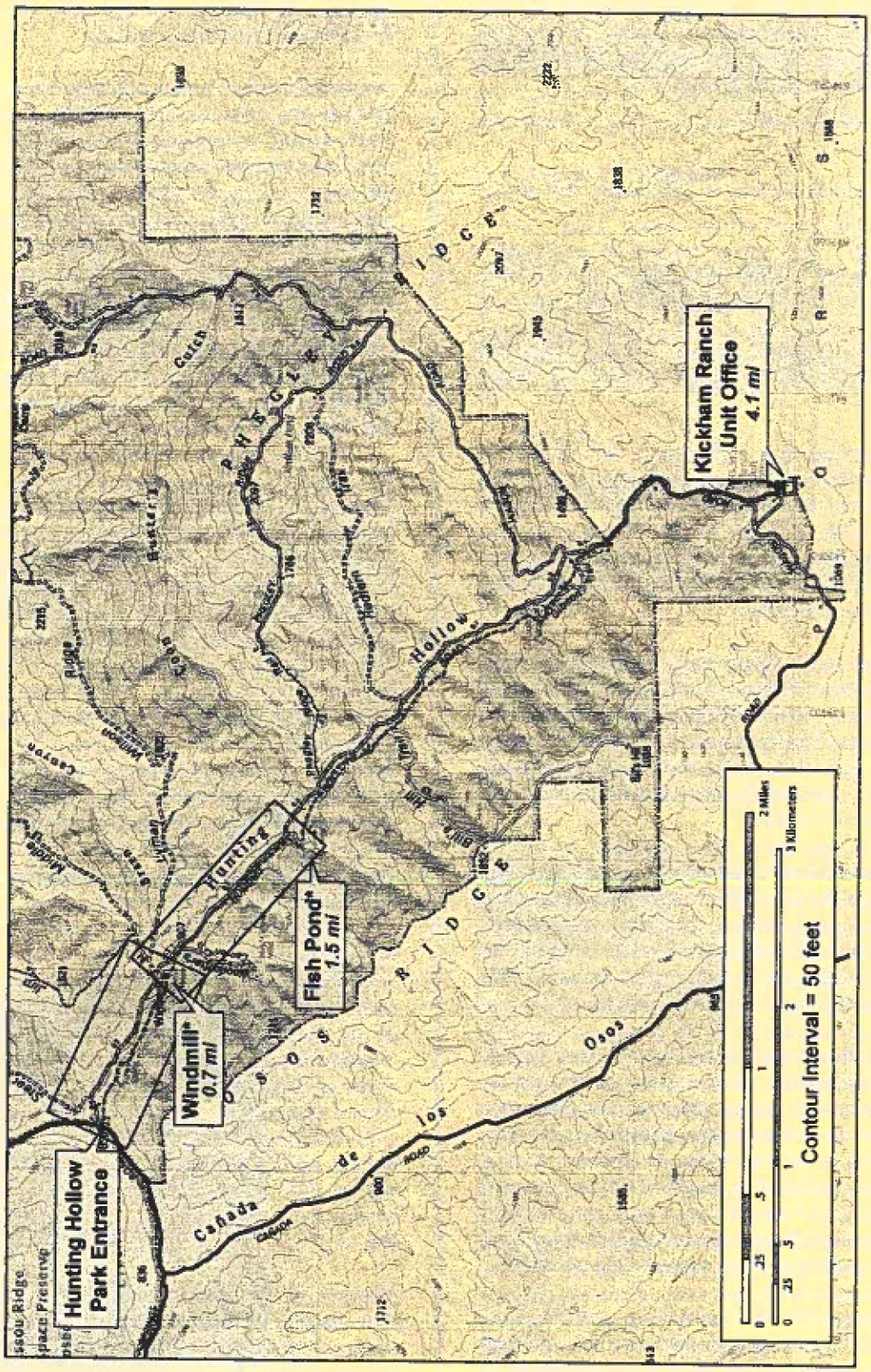
by Joan Marlowe
Filoli Nature Education docent

Henry Coe State Park, which is south of San Jose near Morgan Hill, was swept by a fire that started on September 3, 2007; 46,600 acres burned over a 9-day period. Everyone who loved the park was devastated. The small event that set the stage was that a neighbor of the park had been burning paper plates in a big barrel and did not notice when small bits of burning debris escaped from the barrel. It didn't take long for those small bits to find dry tinder in the most dry month of the year in a semi-arid/dry climate. Fortunately, a dedicated Coe regular, now regarded as a local hero by Coe park-lovers, was on duty that day: Dan Strauss, who lives on property within the borders of Coe and normally spends countless hours finding things to fix and then fixing them, immediately notified Headquarters of the danger.

Fire-fighting activity proceeded from that point with great effectiveness because of the fine body of mapping that has accumulated as a result of the extensive use of this park for backpacking. The original park had been given by Sada Coe Robinson to Santa Clara County in 1953; part was set aside as wilderness in 1985. Currently, total acreage is 87,000. Official mapping had been done by Bob Patrie using GPS, with GIS manipulation; proofing and prep for final publication was done by Winslow Briggs. These maps were of tremendous value in determining where to set the backfires that greatly minimized the intensity of the fire. The fire was still strong enough to kill many pine trees, which do not have thick bark, whereas the oaks are more fire-resistant, as anyone who has ever burned logs in a fireplace should know.

On March 25, 2008, 16 Nature Education docents from Filoli were shepherded by our own Don Savant, who is also a uniformed volunteer at Henry Coe, to see for ourselves the ability of California native plants to resist and sometimes survive a wildfire. Our tour started at Park Headquarters at the end of East Dunne Avenue. We were very fortunate indeed to have as our main guide Winslow Briggs, Professor of Biology at Stanford University, who wrote the Pine Ridge Association *Trails of Henry W. Coe State Park.* Five other Coe volunteers (Don Holmes, Rob Glover, Everett Allen, Ann Briggs, and Don Savant) provided invaluable knowledge of the park during our visit. We even had the unexpected pleasure of meeting the Dan Strauss mentioned above, actually a chemistry professor at San Jose State, who told us more about events of that day.

Winslow Briggs, our main guide, and other volunteers have been helping to monitor various areas in order to determine stages of recovery and patterns of change resulting from this extensive fire. Succession, per Winslow, occurs in chaparral plants, California's characteristic vegetation. After a fire, some plants crown-sprout, as do Manzanita/*Arctostaphylos spp.* and Toyon/*Heteromeles arbutifolia.* These would be the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old growth stands in chaparral, likely growing on sheltered, north-facing slopes. (See p. 185, *Intro. to California Plant Life* by Ornduff & associates.) Other plant species may burn completely away, but their seeds will germinate **only after a fire.** Young plants will be sheltered by the older ones. Chamise and Knobcone and Bishop Pine are such shrubs. Some plants, i.e., Zigadene lily, require a heat shock to start them up. We actually saw one broad area that was particularly dense with Zigadenes, possibly also due to potash resulting directly from the fire. Our group saw many burned trees, some of which had disappeared completely as the fire had pursued the roots into the ground! We also saw many, many Fritillary-type single leaves, and under a pine tree area, found one Checker Lily/Mission Bells blooming! The most dramatic example was a coffeeberry resprouting, with large bright green and shiny leaves. Plants in areas where there was a layer of ash/hot fire area were especially lush-looking. We even saw a Bedstraw/*Gallium spp.* with giant proportions! Certain seeds of annuals germinate readily after a fire; popcorn flower was everywhere that day! Shooting Stars were quite numerous, too, both Lowland (green stem) and Woodland (red stem). The soap plant bulbs had survived quite nicely and were growing in profusion. Of course, the fire would have burned away all the brush—weedy grasses and such—giving more light for the good plants.

Winslow also said that suppression of fires may cause some native plants to lose viability. Prescribed burns are still being studied as to whether some moisture should be in the ground when they are set. The BLM will be on the premises to study this. Animals are to be studied as well, and birds, by the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory and the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. Wild pigs actually benefited for a time, as those roots and acorns just get sweeter with cooking.

Backfires were used successfully at the Coe fire to reduce the amount of fuel. A general aim is to keep fire cooler so tree tops don't catch fire. The root and base trunk, protected somewhat by its bark, stay alive longer. We learned an interesting fact about the dry brown leaves we observed still hanging on the branches: Normal abscission (dropping off) is curtailed because the lignin production is stopped where the fire is hot. Many Gray Pines/*Pinus sabiniana* were scorched and may not survive, whereas Blue Oaks/*Quercus douglasii* are more resilient. Winslow pointed out that some pines were still green at the top. Fire of right intensity would kill insects against which the pine has lost its defense as its ability to produce pitch gradually declines. The tree only needs to live long enough to produce seeds for a new generation.

Among the plants we saw thriving: many, many yellow violets, Johnny-Jump-ups in the sun, Oak violets and Douglas violets/all *Viola ssp.*, Common Fiddleneck in disturbed areas, Blue-eyed Grass, Chick Lupine on slopes, Mule Ears, Johnny-Tuck/Butter and Eggs, snapdragon family, Pacific Snakeroot(!) sanicle, Bird's Eye Gilia/*Gilia tricolor*, huge Redmaids, Hounds-tongue, California Buttercup, Baby-Blue-Eyes, and not blooming yet Clarkias in shady areas. More than enough to please a flower fancier!

Wildlife seen were two adorable Pacific tree frogs at Coyote Creek where we stopped for lunch; one green, one tan, and of course they had to be handled to please the kid in us. Some heard, then spotted two Killdeer; also we saw a Black Phoebe catching flies by the stream. This could have been a Sierra stream, it was so lovely. Now that the plants are growing, animals should come back, in time.

Thanks to the thorough planning done by Don Savant and the generous amount of time and efforts of the Coe volunteers, our trip was even more rewarding than we had hoped. We are eager for a return visit next year, as promised by Winslow Briggs.

Park News

by John Verhoeven
Headquarters Ranger

Hello everyone, the heat of summer is on its way; we had our first 93° day recently. If you haven't been up to the park as of late, grasses are turning yellow, and our late-season flowers are in bloom. There are plenty of Yellow Mariposa Lilies out there showing their spotted petals.

A highlight of spring at Coe is two yearly events, Mother's Day Breakfast and the Hunting Hollow Fun Run, which took place on June 7. Mother's Day Breakfast went well and sold out as usual. People who attended the event thoroughly enjoyed themselves as well as volunteers who worked at the event. The morning was crisp, with the sun appearing late in the morning, warming you up as you eat, a classic Coe spring day. Mark your calendar for next year if you would like to go, and check *www.coepark.org* to find out when tickets go on sale next year.

Another spring event that incorporates Coe is the Tierra Bella Bicycle Tour, a multi-distance road bike ride. This year for the first time, Coe Headquarters' area was used as a rest stop for riders, who said it was the highlight for the ride. Volunteers from the event, Coe volunteers, and park staff assisted to make the Tierra Bella a success.

Park visitation has increased over last spring, and much of the attention the park is getting may be related to the Lick Fire last year as well as media attention. Many people I have been seeing in the visitor center have never been here before and heard about the park on the news. The fire area has generated much interest, and a few hikes have been led into the burn zone by volunteers and park staff. The flowers have been very interesting, and you can see all the great work being done

by Bob Patrie and Ron Fischler on the Coe Fire Website. Please check out *coefire2007.info* and see the new pictures and features of the site.

Next time you come to the park, perhaps you may see me on bicycle patrol. I recently attended a Basic Bicycle Patrol class given by San Jose Police Department. The class gave me experience and confidence to command the bicycle I will be using for patrol at the park. I have many thanks to give to my Superintendent Eddie Guaracha and my Supervising Ranger Stuart Organo for their support of me taking the class as well as helping obtain the bicycle for patrol. Specialized Bicycles donated an incredible bicycle to State Parks! A great deal of help came from uniformed volunteer Rob Glover and Paul Nam from Responsible Organized Mountain Pedlars (ROMP). Thank you very much! In addition to the bicycle, Rob and ROMP are assisting in the purchase of other equipment for the bicycle. Last but not least, I have San Jose PD to thank for donating the Code 3 light equipment for the patrol bicycle.

I look forward to being able to patrol in the park on a bicycle as well as leading interpretive rides. There are many places in the park that are only accessible by foot, and sometimes I don't have the time to check on campers on foot, but with a bicycle I will be able to get to places quicker and have a new level of patrol that will enrich the park experience for visitors as well as for me.

I hope to see you at the park soon to enjoy the golden hills. Also, Dowdy Ranch Entrance is open Saturday and Sunday until the fall, so if you haven't been out there, take a drive and enjoy the view and solitude. The visitor center is staffed by volunteers and park staff who can share the place with you and help you experience Coe from a different location. Thank you for your continued support of the PRA and Coe Park.

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George Preston Thomas

George Preston Thomas, Sr.

In the last issue of *The Ponderosa*, we published an article about the life of George Preston Thomas, Sr. The Association sent flowers to his memorial service on April 5. Here is a reply from his son, George P. Thomas, Jr.

Dear Association Members,

My family thanks you for the beautiful bouquet you sent to the Memorial Service for our father, George Thomas. We appreciate your sympathies and the wonderful white flowers. Our father appreciated Coe Park as a neighbor, as he did the Coe family. Some of his best memories were of Cold Flat (Thomas addition). He spent many good days at Cold Flat, Pine Ridge, Middle Ridge, and Blue Ridge.

Sincerely,

George P. Thomas, Jr.

An Invitation to Join the Uniformed Volunteer Program

Would you like to learn more about Henry W. Coe State Park—its fascinating history, interesting animals, beautiful wildflowers, singing birds? Would you like to share your knowledge with park visitors? Then consider joining approximately 130 others who donate their time to assist Coe Park visitors. Consider becoming a uniformed volunteer.

Uniformed volunteers add to the park visitor's knowledge, interest, enjoyment, and safety by assisting regular park employees through interpretation, operating the visitor center, patrolling the park trails, and carrying out special projects. Uniformed volunteers receive free admission to Coe Park and the other parks in the district and, more importantly, receive the satisfaction derived from doing a job well and providing a necessary service to the public and to the park. In addition, uniformed volunteers find that the initial training and the continuing workshops and classes on topics such as wildflowers, bird identification, tracking, and how to plan an interpretive program are of significant value.

There is a series of classes offered each fall that all new uniformed volunteers take. Topics in the next classes include geology, geography, climate, ecosystems, plants, animals, humans in the park, history of the park, being a volunteer, dealing with the public, interpretive techniques, and first aid. The training will be held at the park on eight weekend days from September 6, 2008, through the end of November. Some of the training will occur during hikes and a camp-out in the park. Graduation will be held during the annual meeting of the PRA on February 7, 2009.

Applications are available now. July 31 is the deadline for receipt of applications. Applicants will receive a telephone call to set up a short interview, which will be on August 14, 16, or 17 at park headquarters. If you have any questions or if you would like to obtain an application, call the park at 408/779-2728, or visit our web site at *www.CoePark.org*.

August 16–17: Burra-Burra Moonlight-Daylight Hike-Hike

by Bill Gingras

The Burra-Burra Moonlight-Daylight Hike-Hike will take place this year on the weekend of August 16 and 17.

The B-B M-D H-H has been a PRA tradition for many years, and takes place in the backcountry of Henry Coe State Park. Attendees of the event can arrive when they want on Saturday, August 16, and spend the afternoon hiking or just relaxing. After dinner, when the sun goes down and the moon rises, we set out on a hike to Burra-Burra peak where we can listen to the night sounds and view what the surrounding landscape looks like under a full moon. You'll be amazed at the dramatic moonlit scene around you, and be as equally amazed by the constant symphony that fills the air, courtesy of the Coe nightlife. The following morning, we repeat the hike and observe the differences between the night sounds and scenes and those in the daytime.

A few details are as follows: Plan to arrive on August 16 after 1 p.m. but no later than 8:30 p.m. Camping for this event is recommended (at the Dowdy visitor center). If you plan to camp, bring your own food (dinner, breakfast, and snacks), camping gear, and a chair. Propane-fired barbecue grills will be available.

You must sign up in order to gain access to the backcountry. The number of participants might be limited, so sign up soon. Give me a call at 408/227-5424 (home) or via e-mail at *bgingras@sbcglobal.net* for more information or to sign up. I will contact you with final details as the weekend draws near.

TFest: Saturday, October 4

by Rick Leonard

It's time to start thinking about the TarantulaFest. The annual barbecue offers a choice of Santa Maria steak, marinated chicken, gardenburgers, or hotdogs. Each meal includes beans (vegetarian or regular), grilled bread, salad, and watermelon. Soda, beer, and wine will be available at nominal prices.

The annual raffle to benefit the Visitor Center Expansion Fund promises to have some wonderful prizes. You will be receiving more details about the prizes and raffle tickets in a separate mailing.

The day will be jam packed with interesting events. Park volunteers will lead several Tarantula Walks. The Interpretive Center will be open and filled with interesting exhibits and information. Tarantulas, both native and exotic, will be on display. Are you ready for a photo with a tarantula on your head or shoulder? Snakes, children's art activities, and Smokey the Bear are among some of the other interesting options. While you are at the park, take a walk on one of the many beautiful trails.

Again we are fortunate to have the Tarantula Band to entertain us with a lively and fun selection of music. An order form will be available on the park website in August. Additional information? Contact me at *dadoco7@aol.com*.

PRA Calendar

Saturday and Sunday, August 16 & 17: **The Burra Burra Hike Weekend.** This is a wonderful outing—both during the full moon and then the next morning during the day. Please see the article on this page for more information.

Saturday and Sunday, August 23 & 24 and September 20 & 21: **The Springs Committee Work Weekends.** Join a group of individuals who are very enthusiastic and committed to improving the springs in the park. For more information or to sign up, please contact Ruby Domino (*r.domino1 @verizon.net* or call 408/529-1016).

Saturday, October 4: **Annual Fall TarantulaFest and Barbecue.** Please see the article on this page for information on this fun-filled day. For more information, please contact Rick Leonard (*dadoco7@aol.com* or call 408/226-3100).

Summer interpretive programs are being planned. Here are the ones available at press time:

Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m.: Night hike to the top of Pine Ridge, Monument Trail (Ranger John Verhoeven)
Saturday, June 28, 8 p.m.: Program in the lower level of the Visitor Center about the aftermath of the Coe fire (Winslow Briggs)
Saturday, July 5, 7:15 p.m.: Golden hour photo stroll before sunset from the Visitor Center (Rosemary Rideout)
Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.: Hike along the Middle Ridge and Fish Trails (Libby Vincent)
Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.: Rugged cross-country hike out of Hunting Hollow to see little visited park areas (Mike Meyer)
Saturday, August 9, 10. a.m.: Hike along the Middle Ridge and Fish Trails (Libby Vincent)
Saturday, August 16, 7 p.m.: Music in the Park (outside the metal barn where the picnic tables are located at Coe Headquarters) with the Bees' Knees (Don Savant)

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