San Mateo County Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites

Sanchez Adobe Historic Site
Once the home of Don Francisco Sanchez, this restored adobe is the County's second-oldest building, built on the site of a Mission outpost. You can explore on your own or book a docent-led tour for your school group.

Devil’s Slide Trail
Built on what was once a treacherous stretch of Highway 1, this 1.3-mile-long paved trail opened for dog walkers, strollers, and cyclists in 2014, offering spectacular ocean views and unparalleled wildlife viewing.

San Pedro Valley County Park
This sunny outpost in Pacifica's coastal fog includes popular trails ranging from easy strolls to challenging climbs. The 1,000-acre park has stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.

Moss Beach Park
A favorite with Midcoast families, this park’s playful playground features a pirate boat, a miniature lighthouse, dolphin slides, swings and a tot area.

San Bruno Mountain
Drive to the summit and you’ll see sweeping panoramas to Mount Tamalpais, Mount Diablo, and the Farallon Islands. Hikers can enjoy the diverse habitats found in the 974-acre park, including several endangered plant and animal species. This park’s rugged beauty is enjoyable no matter the weather.

Junipero Serra County Park
Whether you’re hiking, picnicking, or frolicking at the playgrounds and meadows, you’ll enjoy stunning views of the Bay from Junipero Serra. The park offers a unique and gorgeous outdoor location for your special events and features the tallest uncovered slide in Northern California.

Coyote Point Recreation Area & Marina
The County’s most-visited park is right on San Francisco Bay. Popular spots include the Magic Mountain Playland, small and large group picnic sites, the CunOdssey natural history museum, and a 545-slip marina. The many walking trails include a segment of the San Francisco-Bay Trail. The beach promenade is a great place for jogging, birdwatching, and windsurfing.

Crystal Springs Regional Trail
Walk, run, bike, and horseback ride for 15 miles along this network of trails that runs along the beautiful Crystal Springs watershed. You can access this regional trail— and its gorgeous views— at several points, including many connections to a network of recreational trails.

Friendship Park
Located in the Fair Oaks neighborhood, Friendship Park includes a community garden with 31 raised beds and a colorful playground with climbing structures.

Flood County Park
There’s a game for everyone at Flood. This park has places for tennis, baseball, and volleyball— and an accessible playground. The stunning canopy of heritage oaks is a great spot for play and large or small group picnics.

Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve
Edgewood is famous for its stunning spring wildflower displays, and views from the park’s high points are stunning year-round. You can learn more about the preserve’s serpentine soils and rare species with interactive exhibits at the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center.

Huddart County Park
Hike or horseback ride on many miles of gorgeous trails passing through redwood and fir forests. Huddart’s stunning rural setting also offers pretty places to picnic and play. Youth groups can reserve camp sites for overnight adventures.

Woodside Store Historic Site
Explore this old-time store filled with items reflecting its bustling business in the mid-1800s serving loggers, farmers, and blacksmiths. Learn about this important period—and maybe even find a few goodies to purchase.

Wunderlich County Park
The rustic serenity of Wunderlich County Park and the restored historic Folger Stable are reminiscent of an earlier era. The Park’s largely undeveloped forests and hillsides are crossed with trails for you to hike and horseback ride.