



## The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake

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**The Western Mastiff Bat** (*Eumops perotis*) is native to Santa Barbara, Southwestern USA, Mexico and South America. It is the largest bat in North America., with a wingspan of up to 23 inches! Their name comes from their facial resemblance to mastiff dogs when viewed from the front. They are also called the Western Bonnetted bat, a name given for their peculiar ear shapes that resemble a bonnet.

Learn more interesting facts and familiarize yourself with our local bats at our bat exhibit at the Neal Taylor Nature Center!

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# Event Calendar

## GOING BATTY IS BACK!



Visit the nature center every weekend this summer to learn more about our backyard bats and watch them drop from the Nature Center's bat boxes!

**Friday, May 23rd, 7:55 PM**

**Saturday, May 24th, 7:55 PM**

**Friday, May 30th, 8:00 PM**

**Saturday, May 31st, 8:00 PM**

More dates TBA, June-September. [Learn more](#)

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

### Nature Themed Arts & Crafts

Saturday, May 24th

1pm - 3pm

[Learn More >](#)

### Nature Center Extended Holiday Hours:

Thurs. May 22nd – Sun. May 25th:

**10 am - 4 pm**

SEE ALL EVENTS

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## WILDFLOWERS BLOOM AT FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN



Last summer, the Lake Fire wreaked havoc in the San Rafael Mountains. This year, we get to watch the wonder of regeneration as wildflowers bloom through the charred soil, as oaks send up new shoots from the base of burnt stands, and as the black hills turn green again...

[Read more >](#)

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## THE BATS IN OUR BACKYARD



### **Did you know?**

Bats play a vital role in many ecosystems, like controlling insect populations, fertilizing soils and pollinating plants. With more than 1,400 species identified, 20% of all mammal species are bats. Many are threatened or endangered due to fungal diseases, habitat destruction, pesticides, and other human activity...

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## **BIG WINNERS! NEAL TAYLOR NATURE CENTER'S 28TH ANNUAL FISH DERBY**



This year's event was attended by anglers of all ages with 571 registered to fish in the Derby and many others along for a weekend of camping and fun at Cachuma Lake & the Nature Center. This hardy lot of anglers (men, women, boys, and girls) fished in rain, sun, and even under rainbows...

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[Fish Derby Photo Gallery >](#)

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The Neal Taylor Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, located within Cachuma Lake Recreation Area, in the historic ranch house behind the Cachuma Lake Store.

The mission of the Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake is to encourage public understanding, enjoyment, and protection of Cachuma Lake, the Upper Santa Ynez River, and the

San Rafael Mountain Range Watershed.

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**Hours**

**Thursday - Saturday**

10am-4pm

**Sunday**

10am-2pm

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