



The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake



The Tecolote Tunnel, built between 1950 and 1956 to deliver water from Cachuma Lake to nearby communities, was originally budgeted at \$5 million, but ultimately cost \$14 million. Workers endured 107°F temperatures, 100% humidity, explosive gases, and toxic sulfur-filled air, cooling off in mining carts filled with cold water—like makeshift bathtubs—to keep from overheating in those grueling conditions.



**"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"
SPEAKERS SERIES:**



SANTA BARBARA'S DIVERSE WATER SYSTEM PAST & PRESENT



With:

JASMINE SHOWERS
Water Resources Analyst



Sunday, September 14, 2025



2PM



The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake
2265 Hwy 154, Santa Barara, CA 93105



tinyurl.com/f4t25

ADMISSION: Donation

Meet & greet reception with light refreshments to follow.

- Explore the rich history of water conservation in our community.
- Get an inside look at Santa Barbara city water sources like Lake Cachuma, Gibraltar/Mission Tunnel, groundwater, State Water Project, desalination, and recycled water.
- Learn how innovation and conservation help meet today's water demands



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"GOING BATTY" AT THE NATURE CENTER



Meet in front of the Nature Center for a Docent led talk and Q&A. After learning about the local bats, we'll move to the Native Garden to watch as the bats drop out of the bat boxes to feed. [Learn more](#)

7:05PM on 9/12 & 9/13
6:55PM on 9/19 & 9/20
6:45PM on 9/26 & 9/27

CREEPY CREATURES

Saturday, October 4th
11AM - 1PM

at the Neal Taylor Nature Center

Admission: Donation



Fall under the spell of owls, bats, & spiders Touch skulls & bones that will rattle your bones. Make a mask. Sip Witches Brew. Enchanting music too! More information TBA. [learn more>](#)

FULL EVENT CALENDAR



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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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