

Easy Hike, July 13, 2021: Alhambra Creek Staging Area in Briones Regional Park Martinez.

The hike will start at 10:00 a.m. We hike up the Alhambra Creek for just under a mile, ascending approximately 600'. We turn onto the Diablo View Trail leaving the tree cover but with good panoramic views of Mt. Diablo. We hike just over a mile gradually downhill to intersect with Hidden Pond Trail (the Hidden Pond trail is an optional relatively steep but short down and back up). From the Hidden Pond trail junction we continue to the parking lot. The hike is 3 miles total.

Starting Time: 10:00 AM at the Trail Head

Note: As of June 1, all participants at SIR activities must have a signed waiver and vaccine certification in the Branch 8 database. This is a state SIR requirement due to the state SIR insurance no longer covering communicable diseases. Should guests attend, there will be forms we should ask them to sign. A BLANK WAIVER & VACCINATION CERTIFICATION FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE START OF THE HIKE FOR ANYONE NEEDING IT.

Bring: Water. Face Mask. Trekking poles are recommended, if you use them, as there are some fairly steep but short uphill and downhill stretches on the route.

Directions to the hike: The hike begins at the Alhambra Creek Staging Area, Brookwood Dr, Martinez. From Walnut Creek take CA-24 west to exit 14 for Pleasant Hill Rd. Go north on Pleasant Hill Rd. Keep left to continue on Taylor Blvd. Turn left onto Grayson Rd. – 0.5 mi. Turn right onto Reliez Valley Rd – 1.6 mi. Turn left onto Brookwood Dr – 0.8 mi. to Alhambra Creek Staging Area. There potentially is a \$3 fee per vehicle.

Ride Sharing: Recommend avoiding carpooling unless all parties are vaccinated, are from the same family or are members of no more than three families if they have been vaccinated. Wearing masks is encouraged.

Optional Lunch: Yard House, 2005 Diamond Blvd at the Veranda shopping center. Please bring cash for payment.

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