

Easy Hike, April 12, 2022: China Wall, Alamo.

The hike will begin at 10:00am. We begin at the Macedo Ranch trailhead located at the end of Green Valley Blvd in Alamo. The hike is 2.6 miles long with 280 feet of climb. The hike begins with a 10-minute climb on Wall Point Road. The good news is that this initial climb is the biggest one of the day. It is an easy-moderate climb due to its length, not the grade. We will have another 3-4 short, easy climbs during the hike.

Wall Point Road connects to the Briones-Mt Diablo Regional Trail. We continue to the China Wall trail, where a short jaunt takes us to the impressive China Wall. It is a terminally eroded sandstone stratum, tilted into position by the up thrust of Mount Diablo. This is the first photo opportunity of the day. We loop back around to the Briones-Mt Diablo trail with a short side trip for photos of Castle Rock. We then head back to the Macedo Ranch trailhead.

Bring a wide brim hat, trekking poles and water.

There are restrooms, water and abundant parking at Macedo Ranch. There is a \$5 parking fee per car, making car optional pooling from our lunch location a possibility.

Optional Lunch: Maguey Mexican Restaurant, 3188 Danville Blvd, Alamo. Outside group dining is available, as are individual checks. Maguey is at the corner of Stone Valley Road and Danville Blvd. It is across the street from the Safeway shopping center. Parking is plentiful and would be a good place to rendezvous before optional carpooling to Macedo Ranch.

Directions to Macedo Ranch: Take 680 south from Walnut Creek, exit at Stone Valley East. Continue past the high school and turn left on Green Valley Road. Green Valley ends at the entrance to Macedo Ranch.

Directions to Maguey: If you decide you want to be part of carpooling to Macedo Ranch, take 680 to the **Stone Valley West** exit. Turn right (no other choice) onto Stone Valley, proceed 100-150 yards, turn right into the parking lot just before the Shell station. Maguey is in the middle. **Plan to arrive at Maguey NLT 9:40.**

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