

December 13, 2022 Easy Hike – Acalanes Ridge Open Space, Walnut Creek

This is a short, moderately rated hike **starting at 10:00am** from the Acalanes Ridge trailhead located on the northeast side of the Open Space Park. The route is short (2.2 miles) but moderate in difficulty (492 feet elevation gain). The climb to the ridge top via the Camino Verde Trail is fairly quick and we will take this portion of the hike slowly with frequent stops to enjoy the view. After visiting the Gary Bogue memorial trail for a great 360-degree view, we traverse the park on the Ridgetop Trail before looping back to our starting point.

Directions to the Trail Head: Depending on your location, find your way to the intersection of Geary Road and Pleasant Hill Road, near the Palos Verdes Mall in Walnut Creek. At the intersection, turn south on Camino Verde, continuing for about one mile until it becomes Camino Verde Circle. The address for the trailhead is 1063 Camino Verde Circle (parking is on one side of the street only). There are no facilities at the trailhead.

What to bring: Water, hat, hiking boots and poles.

Carpooling: Meet at the downtown Walnut Creek Cinemark Theater parking garage, located between California and Locust streets. Meet in the middle of the 3rd floor open area on the north side. Departure time is **9:25**.

Optional lunch: Mona's Burgers, 1574 Palos Verdes Mall, across from Lunardis Market

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Acalanes Ridge and Gary Bogue Summit Loop on AllTrails

<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/map/acalanes-ridge-and-gary-bogue-summit-loop-2633735?p=-1>