

July 26, 2022 Hard Hike: del Amigo Trail, Las Trampas Regional Wilderness, Danville

The hike starts at the Star View Drive trailhead in Danville at **10:00 am**. The trail is mostly shaded, which should be a favorable attribute in July. After a short initial climb, the trail gently dips up and down while barely leaving the cover of native oaks and bay trees. There are couple of creek crossings that are quite nice even in summer without water. Near the end, the trail wanders through the pasture of the historic Eugene O'Neil homestead. The trail stats are Distance ~ 3.5 miles, and the cumulative elevation gain is ~950 feet.

Description: We start by going through the gate at the Star View parking lot and begin heading north and climbing the Del Amigo Trail. After about ten minutes we turn right and head north on the Virgil Williams Trail heading gently down to the Madrone Trail where we turn left and loop around and briefly return to the Virgil Williams trail, which becomes a narrow foot path at this juncture. We then return to the Madrone Trail until we reach the Del Amigo Trail and on the Star View parking lot.

Carpooling: Assuming SIR Covid protocols allow it, those that would like to carpool should meet at the downtown Walnut Creek Cinemark theatre parking garage located between California and Locust streets. Meet in the middle of the 3rd floor open area on the north side. Departure will be **9:15** to allow for delays that may arise on Highway 24. **IF YOU ARE CARPOOLING**, be sure the driver and passengers agree on whether to go to lunch or not.

Directions to Trail Head: From downtown Walnut Creek take 680 south to the El Cerro exit and head west to Danville Blvd., where you turn right and go about a block and turn left on Del Amigo and then bear left on Star View. It is about 8 miles from downtown Walnut Creek to the trail head.

What to Bring: Head covering, water, and trekking poles (optional)

Optional Lunch: TBA

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