September 13, 2022 Easy Hike, Briones Reservoir Bear Creek Trail, Orinda

Hike Description – Our hike **starts at 10:00 a.m**. We hike along the south shore of Briones reservoir out of Orinda on a section of the Bear Creek trail. The trailhead start is at the Briones Overlook Staging Area off Bear Creek Road. The trail, mostly shaded, has minimal elevation change. Being an out-and-back, we can make it as long as 5 or 6 miles, depending on where we want to turn around.

What to Bring - water, hiking poles, hat

Directions to Hike – Exit Highway 24 West at Orinda going north (right) onto Camino Pablo past Orinda Village. In 2 miles turn right on Bear Creek Road. Go 1.5 miles to the Briones Overlook Staging Area. Park at the trailhead. No restroom or water at trailhead.

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.

Options - Lunch at the Europa Hofbrau, 26 Moraga Way, Orinda

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