

September 27, 2022 Hard Hike, Tilden Little Farm Loop to Wildcat Peak, Kensington

Hike Description – Our hike **starts at 10:00 a.m.** We meet at the Little Farm parking lot in the Tilden Nature Area. Past the Environmental Center, we swing up the Wildcat Peak Trail, traveling northeast, switch backing through shaded eucalyptus forest. After about 700 feet elevation gain, we reach Wildcat Peak summit where we find spectacular 360-degree views of the Bay Area. Our descent progresses past the Berkeley Peace Grove to Nimitz Way, then looping down Laurel Canyon Trail/Road, continuing on the Loop Road to Wildcat Creek Trail and finally to our parking lot. Total distance is 4.3 miles with 712 feet elevation gain.

What to Bring – water, hiking poles, hat

Directions to Hike – There are two primary routes to Tilden Little Farm, 600 Canon Drive, Kensington.

- 1) West highway 24, exiting Orinda north on Camino Pablo to Wildcat Canyon Road, to Central Park Drive to Valley Road to Canon Road.
- 2) West highway 24 to Fish Ranch Road, right on Grizzly Peak Blvd., jogging right on Muir Way, then left on Park Hills Road, left on Central Park Drive to Canon Road.

I strongly suggest using GPS driving directions to Tilden Little Farm as both routes are somewhat convoluted. Give yourself plenty of time to get there; lots of curvy roads through Tilden Park. But this hike is worth it!!

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 **9:10** 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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