

**April 28, 2026. Hard Hike – Round Valley, Hardy Canyon/MiWok Loop, Brentwood – 9:30 a.m.**

**Hike Description:** It has been several years since our group last hiked Round Valley. Our hike leader, Gary Palhegyi, has kindly offered to reintroduce us to this popular location.

Round Valley is a 2191 acre preserve consisting mostly of grasslands, oak woodland and riparian habitats. The area is home to cattle and an occasional coyote, deer, squirrels and often a Golden Eagle. The area once was home to several different tribal groups of indigenous peoples.

We meet at the trailhead **at 9:30 a.m.** at around 140 feet elevation. We start on the MiWok Trail and head east for 1.7 miles. It's a gradual climb to 400' in a mostly shady section. From this point we turn south and begin the Hardy Canyon Trail segment. This is the hardest part of the hike. We climb just under 800 feet' in about ~1.3 miles to the highest point (1100'). This section we will be exposed to the sun. From here we travel down a shady oak canyon for 2 miles more following the stream back to the trailhead/parking lot.

**Directions:**

Round Valley Regional Preserve, address:19450 Marsh Creek Road, Brentwood, CA  
Go out Ygnacio Valley Road, right onto Clayton Road in Concord which becomes Marsh Creek Road. The parking lot/trailhead is 13 miles east of Clayton, CA; on Marsh Creek Road.  
Water and bathrooms are available.

**Bring:** Water, hats, sunscreen, and trekking poles.

**Carpooling:** Please self-arrange if you wish to carpool.

**Optional Lunch:** Ed's Mudville Grill; 6200 Center St., Clayton

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**AllTrails Map:** [https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/miwok-and-hardy-canyon-loop?sh=ls05uy&utm\\_medium=trail\\_share&utm\\_source=alltrails\\_virality](https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/miwok-and-hardy-canyon-loop?sh=ls05uy&utm_medium=trail_share&utm_source=alltrails_virality)