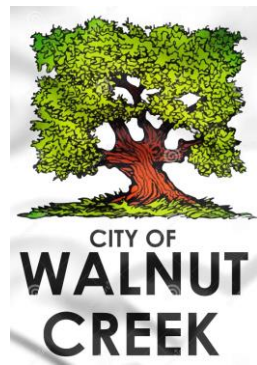


## Shell Ridge Open Space, April 9, 2024, Easy Hike – 10:00 a.m.

The April easy hike will be in our own Walnut Creek back yard, Shell Ridge. The hike will be an easy level hike of about 3.0 miles with about 348 feet of cumulative elevation gain. The hike starts near the Indian Valley Elementary School at the trailhead at the end of Marshal Drive. We first head south around the Fossil Hill Loop Trail. We cut further southeast on the Indian Creek Trail, a stunning single-track trail snuggled in the lush greenery of Shell Ridge. We return to our parking spot on the Briones to Mt Diablo Regional Trail, a wide, loping jaunt back home. Shell Ridge in the springtime is a great place for wildflowers, particularly at the restored areas of Fossil Hill. Our route takes us past the famous oak tree which served as the model for the City of Walnut Creek logo. We will start at the time of 10:00 a.m.



**Bring:** Water, sturdy boots, trekking poles, hat and sunblock.

**Directions:** From CA Route 24, exit to Ygnacio Valley Road, heading east. Turn right on Homestead Avenue (heading south) and then take the first left onto Marshall Drive. Drive to the end of the road. Parking is along Marshall Drive at the trailhead.

**Optional Lunch:** Burger Lounge 2920 Ygnacio Valley Rd. (NW corner of Ygnacio & Oak Grove).

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Length	Elav. gain	Moving time
<b>2.90 mi</b>	<b>348 ft</b>	<b>1:33:05</b>
Avg pace	Calories	Total time
<b>32:08</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>1:45:38</b>

