

August 12, 2025 Easy Hike: Alhambra Creek, Briones Regional Park, Martinez.

Hike Description: The hike will start at **10:00 a.m.** This is a truly easy hike, going out and back along the Alhambra Creek in the north part of Briones. We will hike a total of about three miles with approximately 250 feet of elevation gain. The trail is broad and even with good footing. The ascent is a continuous, even climb along the creek which is likely just a trickle this time of year.

In the past, some hike participants have opted to stretch this hike to a moderate hike outing, looping up and around Alhambra Creek and meeting up with the Diablo View Trail before returning to the parking lot and the easy hike trekkers. We can decide at the 1.5 mile mark.

What to Bring: Water, Hat, Sunblock, Trekking poles if you use them.

Directions to the hike: The hike begins at the Alhambra Creek Staging Area, Brookwood Dr, Martinez. From Walnut Creek take CA-24 west to exit 14 for Pleasant Hill Rd. Go north on Pleasant Hill Rd. Keep left to continue on Taylor Blvd. Turn left onto Grayson Rd. – 0.5 mi. Turn right onto Reliez Valley Rd – 1.6 mi. Turn left onto Brookwood Dr – 0.8 mi. to Alhambra Creek Staging Area. There potentially is a \$3 fee per vehicle.

Optional Lunch: Mona's Burgers, The Palos Verde Mall, corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Geary Road in Pleasant Hill right next to Lunardi's Market.

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