

August 29, 2023 Hard Hike – Briones to Inspiration Point Loop – 9:30 AM

Hike Description – How many times have you driven up Wildcat Canyon Road from San Pablo Dam Road up to Inspiration Point, wishing you could stop and look at the views that pass you by but the road is so windy that to stop would be a hazard? Right now, Wildcat Canyon Road is closed to vehicle traffic, so it is the perfect time to hike it before it reopens later this year. The hike starts at the intersection of Bear Creek Road and San Pablo Dam Road, We walk along San Pablo Creek/Reservoir before turning left up the Inspiration Trail. The 980 foot climb brings us to the parking lot at Inspiration Point where we can rest before heading down Wildcat Canyon Road to our parked cars. The descent is shady and contains many vista points. Total distance is 6.2 miles with 980 feet of elevation gain.

Bring – Sturdy boots, water, hat, sunblock, and trekking poles if you use them.

Directions to Trailhead - Exit Highway 24 West at Orinda going north (right) onto Camino Pablo past Orinda Village. In 2 miles turn right on Bear Creek Road. Park immediately at the left after your turn at the trailhead or, if necessary, on the road to the right leading down to Wagner Ranch Elementary School. No restroom or water at trailhead.

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

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