

Redwood Regional Park, February 27, 2024, Hard Hike

The February hike will be in the forests of Redwood Regional Park. The hike will be an intermediate level hike of 5 miles with about 550 feet of cumulative elevation gain. The Hike Starts at the Wayside Staging Area at 7867 Redwood Rd., Oakland CA. This is the first parking/staging area after entering the park from Redwood Road. The trail head is about 20 miles (30-minute drive) from downtown Walnut Creek.

Bring: water. And trekking poles are a good idea as there may be some slightly slippery downhill stretches.

The hike will start at **10am** on the Stream / Bridal trail and then turn onto the French Trail. Then follow the French trail for roughly 2 miles and connect with the Orchard trail and follow it for a short distance before connecting with the Stream Trail again and back to Wayside. (See attached trail map.)

Carpooling: 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 **9:15** 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.

Directions: From Walnut Creek take Hwy 24 West thru the Caldecott Tunnel. Use the right-hand tunnel and stay in the right lane and prepare to **exit onto Hwy 13 South**. Take Highway 13 to the Redwood Rd Exit and follow Redwood Road, up and over the hill, to the Wayside Staging Area. Total distance from WC is approx. 19 miles and takes about 30 minutes.

Alternatively, if you are coming from south Orinda/Moraga: Take Moraga Road or Moraga Way to Canyon Road and turn left on Pinehurst, which will take you to Redwood Road and on to Redwood Park.

Optional Lunch: in downtown Orinda at the Europa Hofbrau, 64 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA.

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