

## **July 8, 2025 Easy Hike - China Wall from Macedo Ranch, Alamo 9:30 AM**

**Hike Description:** The hike will begin at **9:30** am to avoid the heat. We begin at the Macedo Ranch trailhead located at the end of Green Valley Blvd in Alamo. The hike is 2.6 miles long with 280 feet of climb. The hike begins with a 10-minute climb on Wall Point Road. The good news is that this initial climb is the biggest one of the day. It is an easy-moderate climb due to its length, not the grade. We will have another 3-4 short, easy climbs during the hike.

Wall Point Road connects to the Briones-Mt Diablo Regional Trail. We continue to the China Wall trail, where a short jaunt takes us to the impressive China Wall. It is a terminally eroded sandstone stratum, tilted into position by the up thrust of Mount Diablo. This is the first photo opportunity of the day. We loop back around to the Briones-Mt Diablo trail with a short side trip for photos of Castle Rock. We then head back to the Macedo Ranch trailhead.

**Bring:** a wide brim hat, trekking poles and water.

There are restrooms, water and abundant parking at Macedo Ranch. There is a \$5 parking fee per car, making car optional pooling from our lunch location a possibility.

**Optional Lunch:** Round Table Pizza, 150-A in the Alamo Plaza, the NW corner of Stone Valley Road and Danville Blvd.

**Directions to Macedo Ranch:** Take 680 south from Walnut Creek, exit at Stone Valley East. Continue past the high school and turn left on Green Valley Road. Green Valley ends at the entrance to Macedo Ranch. See map below.

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## Trailhead Map: 3756 Green Valley Road, Alamo

