

June 27, 2023 Hard Hike - Pine Ridge, Alamo

This hike meets at the Macedo Ranch Staging Area in Alamo at **9:30 AM**; length is 5.9 miles, altitude gain is about 900 feet.

Hike Description: We leave Macedo Ranch Staging area paid parking lot (\$5/car for us seniors). We take Wall Point Rd, Dusty Rd, Stage Rd, Barbecue Terrance Rd, Secret Trail, which is a single track, this will climb to Pine Ridge. We then begin to descend back on Wall Point Rd and onto Macedo Ranch Staging Area. Part of the trail will be shaded and will be appreciated. The Ridge is mostly sun exposed, so bring water and sunscreen. Poles are advised as some of the trails, especially Secret Trail, is narrow and steep in some areas. In a previous hike, we encountered a buck and doe jumping across Secret Trail. We hope to have similar wildlife sightings.

When we are on Pine Ridge, we will be on fire roads with smooth sedimentary rocks which helps with the ups and downs. Large rock outcroppings are abundant; there are terrific vistas.

Bring: Hiking boots, trekking poles, water, sunscreen.

Directions to Trailhead: Take 680 to Stone Valley Rd East, pass Monte Vista HS, then left onto Green Valley Rd, you will stay on Green Valley until it ends in the Macedo Staging Area. Please note, there is no parking in the nearby residential streets allowed by nonresidents. Restrooms and water available.

Optional Lunch: After this hard hike we will have lunch at the Round Table Pizza in Alamo Plaza. We have had many post hiking lunches here. Once we leave Macedo on Green Valley Rd, we take a right onto Stone Valley Rd all the way to a right on Danville Blvd and the Alamo Shopping center will be on your left, drive to end of the mall and turn into lot and Round Table is towards the end. Round Table address is 150 Alamo Plaza, Alamo, 94507.

Hike Leader: Leo Dominguez

Hike Coordinator: Steve Moore

Hike Chairman: Carl Ludwig

