

Tuesday March 31, 2026, Shell Ridge Loop - Walnut Creek

Hike Description: The March SIR Hard Hike will be along the Ridgetop Trail of Shell Ridge in Walnut Creek. We will meet at the end of Marshal Drive, near the Indian Valley Elementary School, at **10:00 A.M.** on Tuesday March 31. Marshal Drive is off Homestead Avenue going south from Ygnacio Valley Road. There is a small parking lot at the trail head, or park on the street. From the trailhead, we will hike immediately to the switchback trail which goes up to the ridge, about 650 or 700 feet. There are great views of Walnut Creek, and the surrounding area. The trail then drops down to Ginder Gap, then back up to a higher elevation continuing to wind along the ridge. Eventually we hit the Briones to Mt Diablo trail and Indian Creek Trail, which leads us back to our parked cars. Total distance is about 5 miles with lots of up and downs, about 900 feet of net elevation gain.

Bring: Hats, water, sunblock, and trekking poles.

Directions to Trailhead: The address of Indian Valley Elementary is 551 Marshall Drive. downtown Walnut Creek, go out Ygnacio Valley Road and turn right (south) on Homestead, then take the first left onto Marshall Drive. Drive all the way out on Marshall to the trailhead.

Optional Lunch: The Greenery: 1551 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. (925-937-1220) The Greenery is at the Diablo Hills Golf Course

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Map:

Ridge Top Trail to Briones to Mount Diablo Recreational Trail Loop on **AllTrails**

https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/ridge-top-trail-to-briones-to-mount-diablo-recreational-trail-loop?sh=ls05uy&utm_medium=trail_share&utm_source=alltrails_virality

