October 27, 2026 Hard Hike –Sausal Creek / Dimond Park, Montclair – 10:00 a.m. start.

Hike Description – **4.4 miles and 500 feet elevation gain**,

The venue is an out-and-back hike beginning at 10:00 a.m. The trail starts in a grove of redwoods with a short down and up section of steep, uneven stairs just off of Monterey boulevard. The trail follows a shaded dirt path that runs along Sausal Creek into Dimond Canyon, lined with bay laurels, oaks, dogwoods, and willows. Much of this trail is closed to bicycles. We cross the creek a couple of times and there may be some scrambling along the way! We turn around after about 2 miles in Dimond Park where we will find restrooms.

Directions to Trailhead – From Walnut Creek, take Highway 24 west to 13 South. Leave 13 South at exit 3 at Park boulevard from 13 south. Merge onto Trafalgar Place, quickly crossing Park boulevard onto Monterey Boulevard. The trail head is on the right about 0.2 miles down Monterey Boulevard, just past the entrance to the tiny Montclair Golf Course. Park on Montgomary Boulevard at the trail head.

Here is the link to the route provided by Alltrails:

https://www.alltrails.com/explore/custom-routes/sirs-dimond-park-montclair-27c8bcf?u=i&sh=ya1sgh

Here is a bit of background related to first part of the trail:

Guide to East Bay Creeks, Ch.10, Sausal Creek Walk

This is the link to google maps to get to the trail head:

Orinda, California to Dimond Park, 3860 Hanly Rd, Oakland, CA 94602 - Google Maps

There are no restrooms at the trail head nor on route but lots of bushes / trees.. We turn around after about 2 miles in Dimond Park where we will find restrooms.

What to Bring – Water, appropriate footwear, trekking poles, jacket/rainwear – the hike route is mainly shaded. We cross the Sausal creek during both out and back and the trail can be damp so poles are recommended.

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