Oct. 13 2026 Easy Hike – Sugarloaf Open Space Loop from Rudgear Park WC – 10:00 a.m.

Hike Description: Sugarloaf is a small gem of open space snuggled into the southern part of Walnut Creek. It is easily accessible from Rudgear Park, about ¼ mile from the Open Space entrance. The hike is just under a 3-mile loop. But the net elevation gain is at the outer limits for an easy hike, about 300 feet. We hike up Center Trail to the Ridgetop Trail, stopping frequently during this rigorous uphill climb. We have great vistas of Walnut Creek and Mount Diablo while overlooking surrounding hills. (See picture below, springtime.) We hike north on Ridgetop, then turn right onto the less steep Orchard Trail, descending in a loop to the Open Space entrance. We return to our parked cars by touring some of the sport fields of Rudgear Park.

There are bathroom facilities at the Open Space area and at Rudgear Park as well as ample parking.

Directions: From Walnut Creek, drive south on 680 to the Livorna Exit. Turn left up the hill to Trotter Way turning left. Then turn right on Dapplegray Lane, then left on Stewart Ave. The Rudgear Park parking lot is on your right. Physical address is 2261 Dapplegray Lane. Meet in the main parking lot at **10:00 a.m.**

Bring: Water, hats, trekking poles, good boots
Carpooling: Please self-arrange if you wish to carpool.

Optional Lunch: Round Table Pizza Restaurant, 150 Alamo Plaza Shopping Center, Danville Blvd., Alamo

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