

SIR Easy/Moderate Hike August 10, 10:00 AM
Ringtail -Madrone Loop in Las Trampas Regional Wilderness

This hike is **somewhere near the boundary between easy and hard on the SIR hiking difficulty spectrum**. The hike is about 3.75 miles with more than 650 feet of accumulated elevation gain. However, if you are up for a somewhat challenging hike, the effort is worthwhile. Virtually all the climbing takes place in the first mile (see profile) The hike offers nice views of Mt. Diablo and the Diablo Valley. The lower elevations are pretty well shaded by oak and bay laurel trees. There is some poison oak by the side of the trail at the beginning, so dress accordingly.

Trail Head:

The hike begins at the Ringtail Cat Staging Area, which is located at the west end of Hemme Avenue in Alamo. From Stone Valley Rd., head south on Danville Blvd. and turn right on Hemme, where there is a stop light. The Ring Tail Cat Staging Area is at the end of Hemme, about ½ mile west of Danville Blvd. The trail head has a small parking lot. However, there is plenty of street parking on Hemme near the trailhead, although on some parts of the road there are parking restrictions. So, check for signs when parking.

Route Description: The hike is a counterclockwise loop. We start heading out on the Ringtail Cat Trail and stay on that trail for about 1 mile. Then, we turn left on to the Madrone Trail. Important Note: There is a junction with the Madrone Trail at about the 0.6-mile point. **DO NOT** take the first branch of the Madrone Trail: it leads to a dead end. We take the second Madrone Trail turn off. Then stay on Madrone for 1.25 miles and exit the Regional Wilderness at Camile Lane. We continue to Camile Avenue and on to the Iron Horse trail. We head north on the Iron Horse Trail and back to Hemme and return to our cars.

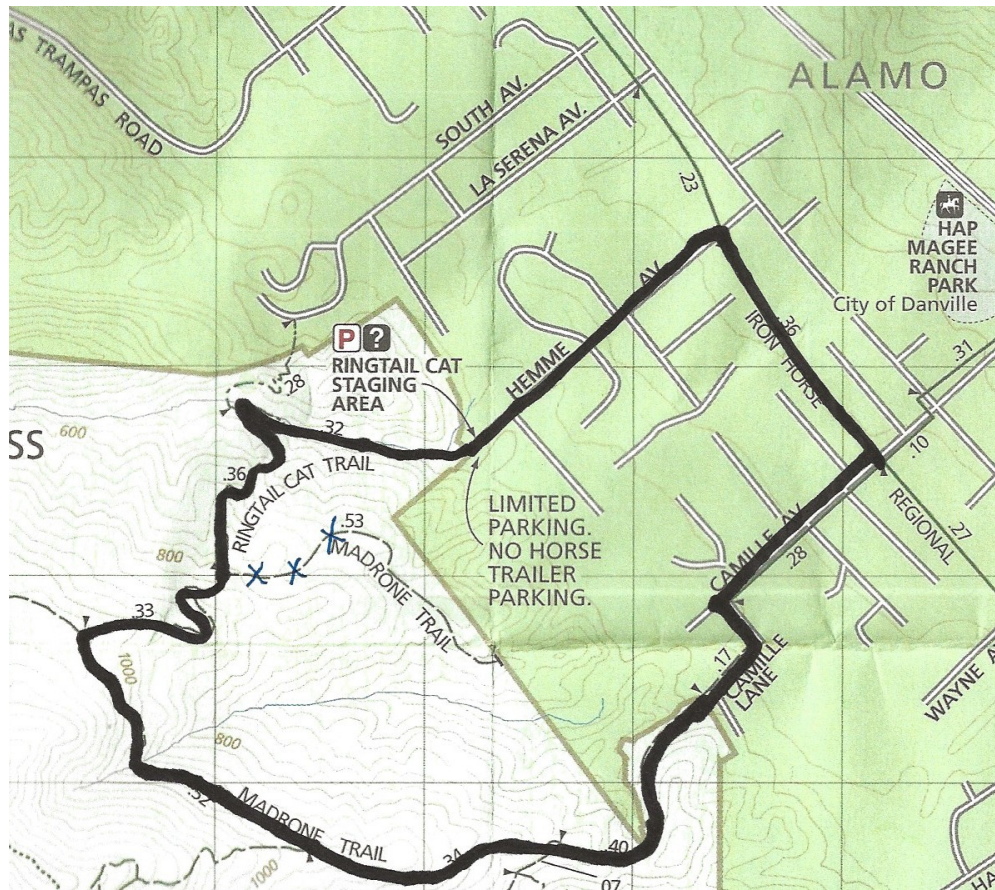
Bring: Water. There is water and restrooms at Hemme Station Park, but we get there near the end of the hike. Hiking poles are not mandatory, but useful as there are some gravelly sections of downhill on the route.

Optional Lunch: Round Table Pizza :150-A Alamo Plaza Shopping Center (near Post Office) 925-837-6660

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Trail Map



Elevation Profile

