## June 29 2021 Seaview Trail in Tilden Regional Park Hike

A new route for this group, Tilden's Seaview Trail offers spectacular bay views and some views of San Pablo and Briones reservoirs and Mount Diablo. The hike is an out and back of 4.6 miles with 1,000 feet AEG, but there's an easier option to make an early turnound which offers most of the views in a 3 mile, 550 foot AEG hike. A stone circle with a bench and a view offers a place to wait for the full hikers.

We start from the staging area parking lot up the hill behind the Tilden Steam Train at **10 am**. Restrooms are available here. We head north on the Vollmer Peak Trail following a contour that quickly brings us Bay views. We turn right onto Arroyo Trail and take it east to the connection with the Seaview Trail. Here we begin the out and back portion of the hike. Our return will stay on the Seaview Trail all the way back to the parking lot.

The Seaview Trail dips down near the top of Big Spring Trail then climbs toward another scenic high spot, offering expansive Bay views and views in the opposite directions toward the reservoirs and Mount Diablo. Those that wish can turn back here for a 3 mile 550 foot AEG hike. We continue on to the junction of Seaview and Lower Big Spring Trails through a more woodsy section trending downhill, then return for the full hike.

**Bring** a face mask and wear it when you cannot socially distance, and always in staging areas and narrow areas, like passing through gates.

**Directions to Trailhead:** From Walnut Creek, take Highway 24 west to Fish Ranch Road (last exit before the tunnel). Turn right onto Fish Ranch Road and head uphill. At the 4-way stop turn right onto Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right then left at the Steam Train turn, but head uphill past the first parking lot, following the signs for Overflow Parking.

**Carpooling:** Recommend avoiding carpooling unless all parties are vaccinated, are from the same family or are members of no more than three families if they have been vaccinated. Wearing masks is encouraged.

Optional lunch: Not at this time.

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