

Dear Hikers:

Hiking of this month will be at Diablo Foothills Regional Park in Walnut Creek. The distance of the hike is 5 miles and elevation gain is 450 feet. The hike will take about 3 hours. We'll start from the parking lot following the Stage Road Trail, Little Yosemite Trail, turn right onto Brioness To MT. Diablo Regional Trail, Mokelumne Coast-to-Crest Trail, turn right onto Buckeye Ravine Trail, turn right onto Fairy Lantern Trail and turn left back to Stage Road Trail. The trail is marked yellow on the map.

Restrooms: Available at the Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area.

Date/Time: **Friday, 12/18/2014, at 9:00 a.m.**

Gathering Place: **Parking lot at 1700 Castle Rock Rd, Walnut Creek**

Direction: Exit I-680 on Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek and drive east. After about three miles turn right on Walnut Avenue. After about two miles turn right on Oak Grove Road, then bear right onto Castle Rock Road and follow it to the end of Castle Rock Road. The parking lot is near the park entrance at the end of Castle Rock Road.

If you are not coming from I-680, please Google the address and it is near the Northgate High School in Walnut Creek.

Weather Forecast: Mid 40s to mid 50s F. You will be notified through email, if there is a change of plan due to rain.

Things to Bring: Dress in layers with a light jacket. Hiking shoes are preferred, the trail could have some mud, so bring a spare shoe to change just in case. Please bring water and snacks. Hat, sunglasses, hiking sticks are optional.

Please direct any questions by email or by calling Yeao-Nan Hsieh at (925) 895-6020.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Sincerely,

Yeao-Nan Hsieh

