

Lookout Hike

Friday, Jan 23, 2026

GENERAL LOCATION: Auburn

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

HIKE DISTANCE: 5-6 miles— loop

ELEVATION: Start/Highest 1,350/ Down and Up for a total gain of appx 800'

PACE: Moderate

TRAIL CONDITIONS: Shaded and open areas throughout the hike on a dirt trail with some loose rocks and roots. A few short, steep areas and may be some muddy sections, hiking poles recommended.

DESCRIPTION: This scenic hike uses several trails to provide many beautiful views of the American River as we walk through wooded and open areas. Hopefully we will see some autumn color this time of year

LUNCH: Bring a snack. Lunch is optional in Auburn after the hike.

FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead.

DRIVE TIME/MILES: 15 miles, 0:30 drive time
A reimbursement of \$4 to drivers is recommended.

LEADER/SWEEP: Leader Bruce Quick/Sweep TBD

MEET/LEAVE TIME: Meet 8:30 am/ Leave 8:45 am.
Far right rear of Orchard Creek Parking Lot, Rows 12-14

PREPARATION FOR HIKE:

- Being prepared physically as well as having the right equipment makes for a better experience, not only for you, but for your fellow hikers.
- If you have any health issues, please consider your condition before hiking at high altitude or at a fast pace.

What to Bring:

- PLENTY OF WATER! Recommend 50 oz. /1.5 liters minimum for 5-mile hike – more if longer. Electrolytes suggested. Higher altitudes are dehydrating even when cool.
- Hiking boots/shoes, hat, sun protection, insect repellent, small first aid kit. Wind/rain jacket always advisable in the mountains. Trekking poles recommended.
- ID (driver's license), health insurance card, and emergency contact / phone number.
- Extra pair of shoes to change into after hike and a plastic bag for muddy/dusty hiking boots to keep your driver's car clean.

Driving Directions:

Navigate to: American River Canyon Overlook Park at 855 Pacific Ave Auburn, CA