

## Preliminary Description

### PRIVATE HIKE

## Placer Land Trust- Wildflowers at Big Hill Preserve

**April 25, 2024**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Register in advance directly with Placer Land Trust Limited to 30 hikers.**

You will receive a confirmation email with details, including a link to PLT's required online waiver. It's easy to sign with your mouse. Be sure to complete the waiver by Tuesday afternoon before the hike.

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**HIKE DISTANCE:** 5 miles

**ELEVATION:** Trailhead about 1,000 feet – about 500 feet elevation gain

**PACE:** Moderate/Relaxed to enjoy wildflowers

**TRAIL CONDITIONS:** Uphill and downhill travel, uneven ground, and some rough terrain. May be muddy in places.

**GENERAL LOCATION:** North Auburn, NE of Hidden Falls Regional Park

**DESCRIPTON:** Big Hill Preserve is not open to the public. The trail has undulating hills with open grasslands punctuated by oak woodlands, unusual rock formations, and panoramic views of the Sierra Nevada foothills and Sacramento Valley. Lunch on the rocks!

**Hike will proceed with light rain. Steady rain cancels--you will be notified by email the evening before.**

**FACILITIES:** Porta-potty at trailhead.

**TRAVEL TIME/DISTANCE:** 18 miles, 35 minutes. Suggested donation to driver \$3. PLT requests carpooling—parking is limited.

**HIKE LEADER:** PLT Docent Monica Finn, assisted by Gay Mackintosh

**MEETING TIME:** 8:15 AM. LEAVE AT 8

**REPERATION FOR HIKE:**

**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

- 1) If you have any Health issues, please consider your condition before hiking
- 2) Bring copy of your ID (drivers license), health insurance card, and an emergency contact name and phone number with you on the hike.
- 3) Always bring a pair of clean shoes along with your hiking boots, along with a bag to store your dirty hiking boots on the drive home
- 4) Wear hiking boots, clothing appropriate for the weather conditions, (PLT suggests longpants), and a hat and sunscreen. Bring plenty of water and lunch. Trekking poles recommended.

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## DRIVING DIRECTIONS to Taylor Ranch/Big Hill Preserve

Take Orchard Creek Ln to left on Del Webb Blvd

Right onto CA-193 E 3.5 mi. Left onto Fowler Rd

1.8 mi

Right onto Fruitvale Rd 1.6 mi.

Left onto Gold Hill Rd .7 mi.

Right onto Wise Rd 1 mi

Left onto Baxter Grade Rd 2.1

Right onto Mt Vernon Rd .7

Straight onto Joeger Rd 1.1 mi.

Left onto Bell Rd 2.4 mi

**Look sharp** to turn left onto Orr Creek Ln/New Hope School Rd.

Orr Creek Lane changes to a small one lane gravel road; stay to the left when the road splits.

When you get to the green gate, wait for the docent who will lead you to the parking area

Please help Placer Land Trust respect our neighbors by driving slowly and cautiously on Orr Creek Lane