

Pig Farm, Training Hill, Quarry Trail, Rock Wall and new trail back.

January 27, 2026

GENERAL LOCATION: Auburn

DIFFICULTY: Moderate/Strenuous

HIKE DISTANCE: 8 miles.

ELEVATION GAIN: 1,700'

PACE: Moderate

HIKE DISTANCE: Approximately 8 miles loop

Trail Conditions:

The trail varies from smooth soil to rocky stretches with some paved road. The trail to the Rock Wall is wide but the small trail that is a great alternative back to quarry has a couple of slippery parts. We end up back on the wide Quarry Trail to the parking lot.

Description:

We start with a steep uphill journey gaining about 900' in the first 1.5 miles. Pig Farm is a lovely trail that winds up the hill. Training trail is a wide trail that is more straight up. We then wander through lovely oak and grassland on Olmstead and Wendell Robbie trails. We will stop to eat lunch back at the picnic tables that are on Quarry Trail before we go up to the Climbing Wall. After seeing climbers and views we head out on a new trail that meets up with Quarry Trail. We cross Hwy 49 twice.

The initial uphill is strenuous, but we will take it at a moderate pace. There is a smaller uphill near the end of the hike.

Facilities:

No toilet at trail head, Pit toilet is at lunch stop

Drive Time/Miles:

35 minutes each way, about 22 miles.

Driver Reimbursement

Suggested reimbursement to drivers: \$4 + a portion of the \$10 parking fee if you don't have a State Park Pass. If you have a State Park Pass, please bring it.

Hike Leader/Sweep:

Maureen Bauman/Debbie Knowles

Meetup/Leave Time:

Meet 8:00 am / Leave 8:15 am

Meet at far right end 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.

Hike Route:

<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/custom-routes/pig-farm-training-hill-quarry-trail-with-climb-to-rockwall-c05979d>

Driving Directions

Take I-80 East to Auburn. Take Elm Avenue Exit 119C (49 South, to Placerville), turn left onto Elm Avenue, then left again at the light (High Street), and right onto 49 South. Wind down about 3 miles to the American River Confluence. Turn right over the bridge to stay on 49 (toward Cool). After crossing the river, look sharp for the parking lot on the left side of road. There is a \$10 parking fee. Bring STATE PARK PASS if you have one.