

# Winchester Trails Hike

**Tuesday, Jan 13, 2026**

**GENERAL LOCATION:** Winchester Country Club, Meadow Vista, CA

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate We will start at Sugar Pine Ridge Park (formerly Winchester Park) and walk along a combination of paved and dirt/gravel trails through the Winchester Country Club community, returning to the park.

**ELEVATION GAIN:** Starting elevation 1,800 ft. Elevation gain: 650 ft.

**HIKE DISTANCE:** Approximately 6 miles round trip.

**PACE:** Moderate

**DESCRIPTION:** Winchester has an unpaved perimeter trail, along with numerous paved trails. We will walk along a undulating combination of these paths, enjoying views ranging from the local woodlands and community to the coastal ranges/Sierras.

**LUNCH:** For those wishing to go out, we will plan to go to a local dining establishment called The Local Café, which features baked goods, sandwiches, and salads on their menu (along with coffee, tea, beer, and wine).

**TRAVEL TIME:** 30 minutes to Meadow Vista. Five minute drive from Sugar Pine Ridge Park in Winchester to The Local Café, on Placer Hills Road in the downtown area. Return time after lunch expected to be 2:00pm . A \$ 5.00 reimbursement to the driver is recommended.

**HIKE LEADER/ SWEEP:** Tom Denzler (leader)/ Sweep TBD

**MEETING TIME:** 8:15 am at Orchard Creek near gym, departure by 8:30am

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms available at the park and at the restaurant

**PREPARATIONS FOR HIKE:**

1. Always bring driver's license, Health ID card, and emergency contact/phone information with you.
2. The dirt trail may have some damp spots, so having a change of shoes along with a plastic bag for dirty shoes may be advisable.
3. Trekking poles may be useful for the dirt paths
4. Water and a small snack are always good to have along.

**QUESTIONS:** Tom Denzler 1-530-368-2564

**RETURN TIME:** Approximately 2:00pm arrival at OC.

**Rain on day of hike cancels. We will use paved paths if trails are too wet.**

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** I-80 east from Lincoln to Clipper Gap/ Meadow Vista (Exit 125), just past Auburn. Left turn over freeway on Placer Hills , then 1.1 miles to left turn on Sugar Pine Road. Pass through Winchester Country Club entrance, then left turn at top of hill onto Winchester Club Drive. Take first left onto Pinnacle View Drive, then left onto Granite Park Lane into parking lot.

Note: GPS might try to take you via Bancroft Way off Placer Hills Road (locked gate prevents access to the parking lot) or to Sugar Pine Ridge Park in Auburn