

Nimbus Fish Hatchery to Willow Creek Park

Thursday April 17, 2025

Difficulty: Easy

Distance: Around 5 miles

Elevation Gain: Mostly flat with small ups and downs Hiking

General Location: Lake Natomas/Folsom

Trail Conditions: The trail is mostly paved but also used by bikers and runners.

General Description: We will park and hike from the Nimbus Fish Hatchery parking lot. We will follow the trail to the Aquatic Park for an initial bathroom stop. This hike will be along the American River Parkway Trail. There will be many views of the American River and the trail will also take us through oak woodlands with many birds. The trail will take us also to a scenic foot bridge (see the pre hike photo) on our way to Willow Creek Park. When we reach the park, we will stop and eat lunch or snack at the picnic tables enjoying beautiful river views. Following lunch, we will retrace our steps back to the parking lot at the Fish Hatchery. We can unload our gear at our cars and visit the interesting hatchery and Visitor Center.

Facilities: There are toilets at the Aquatic Center and at Willow Creek Park.

Travel Time/Distance: The drive is about 45 minutes, 20 miles one way.

Donation: Suggested Donation to the driver is \$5.00

Hike Leader/Sweep: Darlynnne Giorgi/Laura Hamilton

Meeting Time: 8:45 AM leave at 9:00 AM

Preparation for the Hike:

No hiking sticks necessary since we will be on a paved trail.

Being prepared physically as well as having the right equipment makes for a better experience, not only for you, but for your fellow hikers

Consider any health issues prior to the hike.

Bring a copy of your driver license, health care and emergency contact.

Bring a second pair of shoes with a plastic bag to store your muddy or dusty shoes after the hike. Do not get your driver's car dirty on the way home.

>> [Driving Directions on next page](#)

Rain that day will cancel the hike.

Directions to Nimbus Fish Hatchery

Del Webb Blvd to left on Stoneridge

Left on Twelve Bridges, Right on Sierra College/Hazel.

Proceed about 20 miles .

Right on Gold Country Blvd.

Immediate right into the fish hatchery.

On Google Maps Navigate to Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Gold River, CA