

TABLE MOUNTAIN Phantom Falls, Oroville

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

DIFFICULTY: Moderately challenging (rocky terrain good portion of hike, some muddy spots and stream crossings)

ELEVATION: 1361 feet at start; elevation gain 534

HIKE DISTANCE: Approx. 4 miles out and back

GENERAL LOCATION: 6 mile drive up a winding narrow road, past the town of Oroville

DESCRIPTION: On this hike we hope to experience super bloom in one of the premier areas in California. It is carpeted with wildflowers, beautiful scenery and waterfalls. The terrain is rocky and can be challenging due to the vernal pools, streams to cross, and volcanic rocks. Some areas are fenced off for ecological preservation. This trail leads us to Upper Ravine Falls and Grotto. We will continue up a rocky path to view Phantom Falls and the beautiful gorge. There is a patch of grass to lay out ground covering for a picnic lunch. Be prepared for mud, uneven ground, and possible wind. Despite the challenges this is a beautiful hike not to be missed for those that like a bit of challenge. Bring your camera! We will stop often for you to take pictures. **Please read Preparation instructions carefully.**

TRAVEL TIME/DISTANCE: 1 hour and 40 minutes driving time and 72 miles one way. Return time to Lincoln --- approximately 3:30 pm. A donation of \$12 is suggested for riders.

HIKE LEADER: Laura Hamilton **SWEEP:** Debbie Knowles

SPECIAL NOTES:

FACILITIES: Portable bathrooms at trailhead. May not be equipped with toilet paper.

PREPARATION FOR HIKE:

1) IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH ISSUES, PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR CONDITION BEFORE HIKING.

2) A CALIFORNIA DEPT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE LANDS PASS OR VALID FISHING/HUNTING LICENSE IS REQUIRED. Pass can be bought in advance on-line at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass> (1-800-565-1458) or by QVR code at the trailhead. Day pass \$5.66. If you have a valid CA hunting or fishing license, no Lands Pass is required.

3) Items to bring with you on hike:

- Copy of your ID (driver's license)
- Health card
- Emergency contact name and phone number
- 2 pairs of shoes (one hiking and one after hike)
- plastic bag to store your muddy/dusty hiking boots after the hike.
 - DO NOT get your driver's car dirty by wearing your dirty boots on the drive home.
- Lunch and snacks.
- Lots of water
- Wind breaker or coat.
- Trekking poles for crossing streams and navigating rocky or steep terrain.

Bring plastic to sit on.

RISKS: Muddy ground, rocky terrain, stream crossings over rocks, and meandering cows.

QUESTIONS: Call Laura Hamilton or Debbie Knowles

MEETING TIME: 7:45 am LEAVING TIME: 8:00 am. Land Passes/Licenses will be checked prior to leaving.

TABLE MOUNTAIN DRIVING DIRECTIONS Turn left onto Del Webb Blvd. Turn right onto E. Joiner Pkwy. and turn left onto Ferrari Ranch Rd. Turn right onto Hwy. 65 which merges into Hwy. 70 north to Marysville. Turn right on 9th Street, then left on B Street (all of which is a continuation of Hwy. 70). Continue north to Oroville, approximately 25 miles from Marysville. Take Exit 48 (Grand Ave./Nelson Ave.). Cross Grand Ave. to 3rd Street. Turn right onto Nelson Ave. At roundabout (at Table Mtn. Blvd.), go a little more than halfway round to Cherokee Road. Drive narrow, winding Cherokee Road about 6 miles to the gravel parking lot on the left at the top of Table Mountain.

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