

TABLE MOUNTAIN Phantom Falls, Oroville*

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

***Pass required for each person- see Preparation For Hike**

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

HIKE DISTANCE: 7.7 miles

ELEVATION/GAIN: 1361 feet at start; elevation gain 814'

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

TRAIL CONDITIONS: VERY Rocky in some spots (see prehike photos), stream crossings, volcanic rock. Some areas fenced off. Be prepared for mud, uneven ground and perhaps wind. Trekking Poles highly recommended. Bring plastic to sit on for lunch spot.

DESCRIPTION: **Wildflowers!!** This area is one of the premier wildflower areas in California. Do not miss this! Timing, of course, is everything with wildflowers – but hopefully we will see patches, carpets and cascades of many colors and species! There is also 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.

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

DRIVE TIME/MILES: 1 hour and 40 minutes driving time and 72 miles one way.

DONATION: A donation of \$16 is suggested for riders.

HIKE LEADER: Kat Kepus **SWEEP:** Gay Mackintosh

MEET TIME: 7:45 am **LEAVING TIME:** 8:00 am.

Land Passes/Licenses will be checked prior to leaving.

PREPARATION FOR HIKE:

- **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.
- 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, 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.

QUESTIONS: Email Kat at kat2kepus@gmail.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: 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.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/phantom-falls-trail>