

# **Coyote and Whistler Ponds**

## **Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**DIFFICULTY** (Rating): Moderate

**HIKE DISTANCE:** Total miles: 6.8 Miles; Out and Back

**ELEVATION/GAIN:** Mostly level with rolling hills but no steep grades.

**PACE:** Moderate

**TRAIL CONDITIONS:** All paved dry trail with some ups and downs.

**DESCRIPTION:** New hiking club trailhead to Whistler Pond, continuing on to Wilson Park and returning after looping around to Coyote Pond. We will take a snack or lunch break at Coyote Pond. The hike goes by two ponds through the old Whitney Ranch area. Beautiful green open space with oaks and other trees. Birds, especially ducks, turtles, and other wildlife have been observed there.

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms at Wilson Park, 3 miles into the hike.

**DRIVE TIME/MILES:** 10 minutes

**DRIVER DONATION:** \$2.

**LEADER/SWEEP:** Tess Devenish Gay Mackintosh

**MEET/LEAVE TIME:** Meet 8:45 AM / Leave 9:00 AM

### **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.

- Important: If you have any health issues, please keep in mind that the hike distance will be close to 7 miles.

What to Bring:

- Plenty of water
- Snack or lunch for our stop at Coyote Pond
- Boots or sturdy walking shoes
- Hat and layers according to the weather
- ID (driver's license), health insurance card, emergency contact / phone number.

### **Directions to Coyote/Whistler Ponds Hike**

From OC, turn right on Del Webb Blvd.

Turn left on Stoneridge Blvd. and go 2.1 miles (continuing straight as it becomes Twelve Bridges Dr.)

Turn left on Ridgecrest Dr. and go .7 miles

Look for small parking lot on left where Ridgecrest joins Nisenan Valley Dr.

OK to park on street if lot is full

Phone for hike leader, Tess:

Hike Route:

