April 30, 2019 Hard Hike: Walnut Creek's Shell Ridge Open Space

Hike Description: A 5.4 mile loop through Walnut Creek's Shell Ridge Open Space starting at my house on 1440 Whitecliff Way. AEG will be about 800 feet. Hopefully we will see many wildflowers as we traverse the low ground of Indian Creek and the high ground on Shell Ridge Trail. Hike starts at **10 am**.

We'll head 0.7 mostly flat miles to the end of Whitecliff Way and along a trail connector to Rockspring Place. We cross the street and enter Walnut Creek Open Space. If conditions are dry enough we'll turn down Indian Creek Trail, the alternate being the Briones to Mount Diablo Fire Road. We'll make a loop around Fossil Hill and head for the north end of Shell Ridge. We return on the heights of Shell Ridge then retrace our path to the beginning.

Bring: Good hiking shoes and water during the hike. Poles are recommended. There are no restrooms along the trail.

Directions to Trailhead: Take I-680 to Rudgear Road in south Walnut Creek and head east 1.3 miles. Turn left at Whitecliff Way and proceed 0.2 miles to 1440 Whitecliff Way.

Ride Sharing: Since we are very close to Walnut Creek, no Ride-sharing is set up, however, self-arranged ride-sharing is encouraged.

Optional Lunch will be TBD.

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