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**Carpool Locations and directions:**  *Please note that times listed in the schedule for carpool locations are leaving times. TH = trailhead – Time listed for TH is arrival time.*

**FOC: Fair Oaks Church -** 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA (north, front parking lot)

**Big Lots:** 8700 La Riviera Blvd., Sacramento, CA – Exit Hwy 50 and go N on Watt Ave. Quickly get in R lane and turn R on La Riviera Dr. Make another quick R into the Big Lots parking lot.

**Eureka Rd. Park and Ride:** Hwy 80 to Eureka Rd exit.  Go north through the intersection and turn L into the Park and Ride Lot.

**Foresthill:** Take Hwy 80 E. Turn R on Foresthill Rd. and immediately get in the middle left turn lane. Turn L on Lincoln Way. Turn R just before El Burrito Taqueria on Silver Bend Way. Park in the paved parking lot on your right on the street side of the lot or along the curb on Silver Bend Way.

**Rancho Murieta**: North side of Bel Air shopping center parking lot – 7315 Murieta Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA- Take Hwy 16 E. Turn R on Murieta Dr. and then quickly turn left at the third driveway. Drive to the north side of the parking lot in front of Bel Air. If you drive past the hotel on Murieta Drive you have gone too far. Please let Lorraine and Tom know if you plan on carpooling with them from the Bel Air, so they can watch for you.

**Placerville:** McDonald’s off the Broadway exit. Park in the back. - 1200 Broadway, Placerville, CA

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**January 8 (Sat.)** – **Ancil Hoffman Park loop and neighboring trails** - Carmichael, easy to easy moderate, 7 miles, 150’ gain. *FOC: 8 AM or TH: 8:30 AM*

**January 18 (Tues.) – Castle Rock, Little Yosemite, Mt. Diablo Regional, Mt. Diablo State Park,** Walnut Creek, moderate, 7 miles, 1250’ gain. Cool rock formations! *Big Lots: 8 AM or TH: 9:30 AM*

**January 29 (Sat.) - Woodbridge Ecological Reserve**, Lodi, CA **–** Sandhill crane tour tentative date. Time is usually set for 3:30 PM – 5 PM. Confirmation of tour and registration info will be sent.We will plan a hike in the area before the tour for those interested. Watch for details.

**February 8 (Tues.)** – **Confluence Trail to North Fork Dam** **(aka Clementine Dam)** Auburn, loop, moderate, 7 miles, 1100’ gain. *FOC: 8 AM, Eureka Park and Ride: 8:20 AM or TH: 8:45 AM*

**February 19 (Sat.) – New Melones Lake – Glory Hole Recreation Area trails - loop,** Angels Camp, moderate, 8 miles, 625’ gain. *FOC: 8 AM, Big Lots: 8 AM, Rancho Murieta 8:30 AM or TH: 9:45 AM*

**March 1 (Tues.)** – **Cooks Mesa to Morrow Suspension Flume Site**, Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail, EBMUD, Valley Springs – 9 miles, moderate, 700’ gain. Tom and Lorraine have the required EBMUD permit. *FOC 8 AM, Big Lots: 8 AM, Rancho Murieta: 8:30 AM, TH: 9:15 AM*

**March 12 (Sat.)** - **Rush Ranch Open Space –**Suisun City, **e**asy-moderate, 6.5 miles, 330’ gain, 3 loop trails, historic, working ranch, info museum*. Big Lots: 8 AM or TH: 9 AM*

**March 22 (Tues.)** – **Waterfall Hikes** – **Pennyweight Falls,** Colfax**,** moderate, 2.8 mi, 531’ gain, **Codfish Falls**, Auburn Recreation Area: easy, 2.8 mi, 187’ gain *FOC: 8 AM, Eureka Road Park and Ride: 8:20 AM or Foresthill: 8:40 AM*

**April 9 (Sat.) –** **Homestead to Blue Ridge Loop, Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve**, Winters, difficult, 5.1 miles, 1456 ‘gain. A beautiful hike, with views of Sacramento Valley, Lake Berryessa, and wildflowers along the way. *Big Lots: 8 AM, TH: 9:15 AM*

**TBA – (Possibly Tuesday, April 12 depending on the flowers.) - Table Mountain in Oroville, 7miles, 900’ gain.** **Waterfalls and wildflowers! This hike will be moved to the best Tuesday for the flowers!** **Flowers rule!**

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**April 19 (Tues.) -** **Phoenix Park to Natoma Bluffs,** - Fair Oaks,6 – 7 miles, 400’ gain. Phoenix Park Vernal Pools plus various trails in the Natoma Bluffs (Shady Trail, Middleridge trail, etc.) Time to observe the vernal pools and flowers. Then hike on to the Natoma Bluffs. FOC: 8 AM, Big Lots: 7:50 AM, TH: 8:15 AM

**April 30 – Sat -** **Sweetwater Trail to Monte Vista Loop** - Long hike: 9 miles, 700’ gain’. Short option – 6 miles, 400’ gain. We are hoping for a lupine “river” this spring. Old Salmon Falls Bridge and ruins of old mining community of Salmon Falls if water is low. FOC: 8 AM, TH: 8:30 AM

**May 10 – Tues –** **Calaveras Big Trees – North and South Grove Trails** – Arnold, 7 mi, 825’ gain. We are hoping to catch the dogwood trees in bloom! FOC: 8 AM, Big Lots: 8 AM, Rancho Murieta: 8:30 AM, TH: 10:00 AM

**May 21 – Sat –** **Angel Island**, Tiberon –Hiking and visiting immigration station. Tiburon Ferry: 10 AM departure. More information will come in spring 2022 about reserving tickets online. Early departure from Big Lots: 7:30 AM, TH: 9:30 AM

**May 31 – Tues –** **Angora Ridge Trail,** South Lake Tahoe – 8 miles, 900’ gain, moderate. Views of Fallen Leaf Lake and Lake Tahoe. Destination Lower and Upper Angora Lakes. FOC: 8 AM, Placerville: 8:30 AM, TH: 10 AM

**June 4 -** Sat– **FOC Hiking Group 10-year Anniversary Party and Hike,** Emigrant Gap – Spaulding Lake hike (out and back) plus Sierra Discovery loop – total 6 miles, 500’ gain, BBQ and potluck in the picnic area next to the Bear River at Sierra Discovery Trail. *All welcome for BBQ.* FOC: 8 AM, Eureka Park and Ride: 8:20 AM, Foresthill: 8:40 AM

***\*Contact Tom and Lorraine at 916-205-7398 or*** ***LorraineMartin205@gmail.com*** ***if you have any questions about a hike. \*All hikes subject to change due to weather and/or trail conditions. \*Registration will not be required unless indicated. If our hiking numbers go over 25 hikers per hike, we may reinstate hike registration. \*If you are unvaccinated and are carpooling, please let your driver know and wear a mask inside the car. \*Driving directions and any needed instructions will be emailed a week before each hike.***