

TARGET: Black Diamond Mines Trail loop, Antioch **9:30 a.m.**

PARKING LOT: Black Diamond Mines inner parking lot at the end of the Somersville Road.

TO GET THERE: From East Bay/ Walnut Creek Area, take Ygnacio Valley Road pass Walnut Creek, pass Clayton. The Road changes name to Kerker Pass. Keep going over the hill go right on the 3rd traffic light to Bucanan Road for about 3 miles. Go right onto Somersville Road all the way to the end of the road. (You will pass the John Donlon Blvd and Black Diamond Mines gate first.) A large free parking to the right. We hike starting at 9:30 a.m.

GPS LOCATION: 5196 Somersville Road, Antioch. ** Please note, this address is only to the ranger station, continue the same road for about 1 mile to the end is the parking lot.

RESTROOM: At the parking lot.

WEATHER: ??

BRING: good shoes, hat (no shades), water, snacks, hiking poles are recommended.

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HIKING TRAILS: from the parking lot to Nortonville Trail through the Rose Hill Cemetery. Where you take a short break looking at the scenery and the oldest and famous cemetery near here. Continue up and down hill to the old town location of Nortonville. Continue onto Black Diamond Mines Trail loop up the hill, then continue on the paved road to the top. Then we go down hills all the way on the same Black Diamond Mines Trail (non paved) until Manhattan Cayon Trail which will take us back to Nortonville Trail and back to the parking lot.

DISTANCE AND ELEVATION: 5.6 miles, 1,280 feet.

LUNCH OPTION: Smith Landing Seafood Grill (1 Marina Plaza, Antioch) it's about 16 minutes' drive from the parking lot. (Straight out from Somersville Road through Antioch, one left turn on L-Street to Marina and the end.)

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