March 11, 2025 Easy Hike - Mitchell Canyon, Clayton - 10:00 a.m.

Hike Description: This is a perennial fan-favorite easy hike for our group - an easy 4 mile out and back trek on the Fire Road toward Deer Flat. Mitchell Canyon is a scenic area with plenty of shade and modest elevation gains, not more than 200 feet in total. We hiked this trail last fall (see picture below) and although the area was very dry at that time, we hope to have a riproaring creek to walk along this time around. We will meet at **10am** at the Mitchell Canyon Rangers' Station at the end of Clayton Road in Clayton.

There are bathroom facilities and ample parking. There is a \$5 Park fee (senior) per car. Arrange your own carpool if you like.

Directions: From downtown Walnut Creek, drive out Ygnacio Valley Road roughly 7 miles to Clayton Rd. Turn right, proceed exactly 1 mile to Mitchell Canyon Rd. Turn right again and follow Mitchell Canyon Rd to the end - to the Rangers' Station and parking area.

Bring: Water, hats, trekking poles if desired.

Carpooling: Please self-arrange if you wish to carpool.

Optional Lunch: Ed's Mudville Grill in downtown Clayton - 6200 Center Street.



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