

## **March 25, 2025 – Hard Hike, The Zoo Hike, Danville, 10:00 a.m.**

Never heard of the “Zoo Hike”?!? Perhaps you have driven along I-680 through Alamo, glanced up the hill to the east and thought you had seen a camel or zebra? Well, so have others. The Las Trampas to Mt Diablo Regional Trail heading east from Alamo passes through some ranch land belonging to keepers of some exotic animals that roam in the sweet grasses near the trail. We might catch a glimpse of a zoo creature on this hike!

**Hike Description** – This is a hard hike of about 4 miles, out and back, along the Las Trampas to Mt Diablo Regional Trail, starting from Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville. (There are restrooms at this park.) There is about 700 feet of elevation gain, mostly in the first mile of the hike. We will hike about 2 miles up the trail before reversing direction and returning to our cars.

**Directions to Hike** – Travel south on I-680 to the El Pintado exit south of Alamo, turn right and immediately loop back north on La Gonda Way. In a few hundred yards, turn left into the Hap Magee Ranch parking lot, just before you go under the I-680 overcrossing. The physical address is 1025 La Gonda Way in Danville. We will meet at the parking lot entrance before going under the overcrossing to find the entryway to our hike on the Las Trampas Mt Diablo Regional Trail. **We hike at 10:00 a.m.**

**Bring:** Hats, water, trekking poles and good boots. A second pair of shoes for post-hike activities might be welcome (think muddy boots).

**Optional lunch:** Round Table Pizza, 150-A Alamo Plaza (Danville Blvd @ Stone Valley Rd.)

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