September 10, 2024 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. Trekking poles are optional, really not needed. We will meet at **10am** at the Mitchell Canyon Rangers' Station at the end of Clayton Road in Clayton. Keep your eyes open for tarantulas!!

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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