

Lafayette Hiking Group Spring 2016

Meet in the parking lot out from Lafayette BART's main entrance at 8:30 a.m. unless a different meeting time or place is indicated. Bring lunch or snacks, water, layered clothing, good walking shoes, sun protection and money if needed for parking or BART.

Saturday, April 16, St. Stephen's Trail - Lafayette to Orinda

Walk from the Lafayette BART to El Nido Ranch Road to the St. Stephen's Drive overcrossing and continue on the St. Stephen's Trail parallel to Highway 24 to downtown Orinda. Return via Orinda BART, or an optional longer round-trip walk back to the Lafayette BART. Any rain cancels.

Easy, flat 4 miles one way. Leaders: Rosemarie Ellsworth & Dean Weiss

Saturday, April 23 - Reservoir Rim Trail

Meet at Lafayette BART and walk to the Reservoir (approximately 1.5 miles each way). Those who prefer a shorter hike, may meet near the entry gate and bathrooms on the dam around 9 a.m. We will hike the full rim trail, which has two very steep hills. Wear boots or shoes with good tread and bring hiking poles if you use them. Great views of Lafayette and beyond. Any rain cancels.

Rim Trail 4.7 miles, full hike about 7.7 miles - challenging with steep hills.

Leaders: Rosemarie Ellsworth & Dean Weiss

Saturday, April 30, Special Climate Hike to Russell Peak, Briones

******Meet in the Happy Valley Elementary School parking lot at 9 a.m. ******

Steve Richard, one of the founders of Sustainable Lafayette, will lead a "climate hike" to Russell Peak.

This is a fantastic 3.4 mile loop that starts near Happy Valley Elementary school and reaches panoramic Russell Peak (1357 feet) in Briones Regional Park. Along the way Steve, who was recently trained by the Climate Reality Project, will provide a handful of 3-5 minute updates on the climate crisis, including the impact of the historic agreement reached in Paris. Snacks and beverages provided at the summit. Meet at the Happy Valley Elementary School parking lot at 9am. More details:

<https://lamorindahikes.com/2012/11/08/russell-peak-loop/>

Moderate to strenuous, 3.4 miles. Leader: Steve Richard