



2019 “JUST FOR TODAY” HIKES!



Saturday, Saturday, May 11, 2019 – Bassi Falls

The first Just For Today hike of 2019 will be to Bassi Falls in the El Dorado Forest, a 109 foot cascade of powerful spring snow melt! Bassi Falls is a 4.4 (2.2 out and back) mile moderately trafficked trail located near Pollock Pines that features a waterfall and is good for all skill levels. We will meet at Millionaire Camp at 10am. (Plan for an hour and 45 minute drive from Sacramento) The hike will be led by Mandy J. 530-320-5337



DIRECTIONS: From Hwy #50 about 20 miles east of Placerville, turn left (north) onto Ice House Rd (Forest Road 3). Drive 16.6 miles on Ice House Rd. to Union Valley Reservoir. Just after crossing the bridge over Big Silver Creek (opposite Big Silver group camp) make a right onto an unmarked dirt road (Road 12N32A). Drive 0.2 miles to a junction where there should be a sign for Bassi Falls. IGNORE that left turn sign and continue another .3 miles. After the road turns to the right, park in the big turnouts at Millionaire Camp.



Saturday, June 15, 2019 – Independence Trail

The Independence Trail is a 4.5 (2.25 out and back) mile out and back trail that follows the gentle gradient of an old mining ditch. It offers occasional views of the South Yuba River canyon and passes seasonal side streams and bogs. Tree cover and a generally northerly orientation keep the trail relatively cool and green. Along the trail are several wooden bridges that have replaced the flumes of yore. The last quarter mile to the river is a bit more rugged. Hike will be led by John and Michelle B. 916-215-9252

DIRECTIONS: Take I-80 East to Highway 49 towards Grass Valley. From the north end of Nevada City where Highway 49 turns west toward Downieville, go 6.25 miles on Highway 49 north. There is a parking area along the east side of Highway 49 at the trailhead, and overflow parking just around the next curve down Highway 49. In the main parking area look for a “Trail Entrance” sign, display case and restrooms. We will meet at the display sign at 10 am.

Saturday, July 13, 2019 - Bridgeport Covered Bridge

This is an easy, fairly level 3 mile hike (1.5 out and back) along the South Fork of the Yuba River. After the hike, there will be time to explore the bridge, the historic red barn, and other points of interest in this state park. We will meet at the parking lot on the right, across the river from the big red barn at 10 am. Parking in this state park is \$5.00 per car. The hike will be led by Stu B. 916-276-0261



DIRECTIONS: Take I-80 East to Highway 49 towards Grass Valley. Then take the Highway 20 West / Empire Street ramp towards Marysville and turn left onto highway 20 West. Turn right onto Pleasant Valley Road. 17660 Pleasant Valley Road is the visitor center parking lot on the left. Note that we are meeting ACROSS the river at the other parking lot on the right.