

ASRA 2020 Hike Schedule

Date, Day	Trail	Hike Info	Meeting Info	Leader
Feb 22, Saturday	Stagecoach, Manzanita, and Western States trails	This will be a loop hike. We'll hike along the Stagecoach trail and look for some of the old wagon ruts that still exist. We will also go by the Canyon Creek waterfall. Hike is approx. 3.5 miles long with an elevation climb of about 400 ft over 1 mile. Plan on 2-3 hours for the hike. Dogs on leash are welcome. Heavy rain will cancel.	8:30 am at the Confluence kiosk by the visitor services booth. Parking fee required.	Charlene and Terry 530-346-7032
Feb 26, Wednesday	Knickerbocker Road/ Creek Trail	<p>We'll make a pleasant 3-4 mile out and back hike on the paved road (or maybe a loop with Knickerbocker Creek Trail one way and road the other, depending on conditions) in the Knickerbocker Creek/ Olmstead Loop Area in Cool.</p> <p>This outing offers a nice hike along side rolling oak woodland and meadows.</p> <p>We'll discuss the history of the area, as well as why it is a local hotspot for bluebirds.</p>	<p>Meet at 10:00 at trailhead behind the fire station in Cool. Bring water, snack if you wish, essentials and parking pass or \$ for state parking fee.</p> <p>No dogs. Rain cancels.</p> <p>If you wish to try to arrange car pool with others, meet at 9:30 am at Burger King on Lincoln Way in Auburn at Foresthill Exit off I-80</p>	Sheila Toner Tel (H) 530-886-0673.
March 7, Saturday	Canal trail and Cardiac & Cardiac bypass trails and China Bar roads	<p>On the hunt for newts and wildflowers. We will start the hike along the Shirland canal looking for our native California Newt. We will then head down part of the Cardiac trail and look for early wildflowers. We will loop up the Cardiac bypass trail and then walk along parts of the old roads used during construction of the dam faces. Plan on a 6 mile hike with 1000 feet of elevation change. Dogs on leash are welcome.</p> <p>Heavy rain will cancel.</p>	8:30 am at the China Bar area parking lot off Maidu Dr. in Auburn.	Charlene and Terry 530-346-7032

<p>March 11, Wednesday</p>	<p>Quarry Trail</p>	<p>A pleasant out and back hike along the Middle Fork American River below Auburn. Hike will be about 3.5 -4 miles on wide trail that is mostly level until we climb the hill up to the rock amphitheater and climbing area. We'll have lunch before starting back.</p> <p>We'll discuss origins of Quarry Trail dating to the Gold Rush era as well as Hawver Cave/ Hawver Mine and the Mountain Quarry Railroad along the way and as we stop at the blocked off entrance to the cave/mine.</p>	<p>Meet at 10:00 at Quarry Parking Lot off Hwy 49. Bring pass of \$ for state parking fee. You can also park on Hwy 49 on the El Dorado side of river and walk down to Quarry parking lot.</p> <p>Bring water, lunch, essentials</p> <p>No dogs. Rain cancels</p> <p>If you wish to try to arrange car pool with others, meet at 9:30 am at Burger King on Lincoln Way in Auburn at Foresthill Exit off I-80</p>	<p>Sheila Toner Tel (H) 530-886-0673.</p>
<p>Wednesday April 15, 2020</p>	<p>Knickerbocker Area – Cool</p> <p>North side of Olmstead Loop Area – multiple named and unnamed trails..</p>	<p>We'll make a 4-5 mile loop hike on the north side of Olmstead Loop Area.</p> <p>The trail may be muddy if recent rain, and there may be some creek crossings. Exact trail will be chosen based on conditions.</p> <p>We'll start out on Olmstead Loop then Ranch Road to the turn off to Turtle Pond and see if we spot some sunbathing on the rocks or logs, or if any ducks are in the pond. Then we'll hike the Hidden Trail till we rejoin Olmstead Loop. We'll then loop back either on portions of Olmstead Loop or cut over to Knickerbocker Creek on unnamed trail depending on trail conditions. Along the way, we'll discuss the many birds and animals that call this area home and why. May also get to see some spring wildflowers.</p>	<p>CANCELED</p> <p>Due to virus concerns and park restrictions, no hikes in April</p>	<p>Sheila Toner Tel (H) 530-886-0673</p>
<p>April 18, Saturday</p>	<p>Confluence</p>	<p>In conjunction with the spring river clean up</p>		<p>Terry and</p>

