

PATHFINDER HIKE PROGRAM

FAGES TRAIL

Camp Herms

Pleasant Hill

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Trail Length: 11.2 mi

Average Elevation: 782 ft

Elevation Change: 799 ft



Overview

Since the Fages Trail was established in 1973, it has been hiked by more than 15,000 people. It is a favorite of Scout groups throughout the area. Boy Scouts typically hike the full 10.4 mile loop, while Cub groups hike the shorter 3.3 mile segment. The Order of the Arrow also runs a supervised 20 mile hike twice a year. Trail maps and informational flyers on the history surrounding the region are available at the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Office at the address listed above. Remember to bring plenty of water, as the trail can be extremely hot during the summer.

How To Get There

From Highway 80 South: Take the Cutting Blvd. exit and head east. Turn right on San Pablo Ave., then left on Potrero Ave. Head up the hill and turn right on Arlington Blvd., then left on Thors Bay Road.

From Highway 80 North: Take the Central Ave. exit and head east. Turn left on San Pablo Ave., then right on Moser Lane. Head up the hill and turn left on Arlington Blvd., then right on Thors Bay Road.

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The Hike

The 10.4 mile hike, for Boy Scouts and Venturers, begins and ends at Camp Herms. From the camp gate, go downhill on Thors Bay Road to Arlington, north one block to Rifle Range Road, then over the ridge into Wildcat Canyon. At the bottom of the hill, turn south (right) then almost immediately left on the Conlon Trail up to Wildcat Peak. After reaching the Nimitz Trail, continue south to Inspiration Point, picking up the Curran Trail downhill, then head northwest onto the Meadows Canyon Trail. At the end of the Meadows Canyon Trail, turn left onto Loop Road and follow it past the Little Farm until it meets the Wildcat Creek Trail at Jewel Lake. Continue north on the Wildcat Creek Trail until you return to Rifle Range Road, then retrace your steps to Camp Herms. Carry plenty of water, as there is none available for the first seven miles.

The 3.3 mile hike, for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, also begins at Camp Herms. From the camp gate, go downhill on Thors Bay Road to Arlington, north one block to Rifle Range Road, then over the ridge into Wildcat Canyon, then head south (right) to the Tilden Nature Area. It requires a car shuttle, but it is nice to greet the hikers in Tilden with a picnic lunch or snack. Bring water, as there is no water on the trail until you reach the Tilden Nature Area.

