

JANUARY 2012

Bill and Dave Hikes

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Please join "Dave & Bill Hikes" on Saturday, January 21, for a hike at Kunde Estate Winery & Vineyards. We had planned to hike at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park but it has been closed due to budget cuts. The Kunde family has stepped up to the plate and generously allowed us this very special opportunity to hike on their 1850 acres of private land. We will meet at 9:45 AM at their tasting room in Kenwood for a prompt 10 AM departure. You will be required to sign a waiver before departing. Our route will take us through forests, vineyards, and cattle fields, with brief stops at their Mountaintop Tasting deck and Dunfillan Winery ruins. Our lunch stop will be at C.S. Ridge. This strenuous eight mile hike has a total elevation gain of 1400 feet and will last approximately five hours. Wear sturdy shoes and layered clothing, and bring plenty of water and a lunch. Don't forget that we hike rain or shine. When we return to the tasting room, complimentary wine tasting will be offered. This hike is NOT sponsored by Sonoma County Regional Parks, California State Parks, or Valley of the Moon Natural History Association. AFTER THE HIKE HAS STARTED YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF TURNING AROUND MIDWAY SO PLEASE BE CERTAIN THAT YOU HAVE THE TIME AND ENERGY TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE HIKE. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN THE HIKE. Kunde is located on Highway 12, just south of Kenwood's only traffic light.

You can access the "Dave & Bill Hikes" web page directly (add it to your "Favorites" list for fast and accurate information about our hikes - including our remaining 2012 schedule) at www.sonic.net/~fmi/daveandbill.html

Friday Nature Hikes

Led by Laura Blatt and Bob Long

Friday, January 13, 2012

Please join Laura and Bob at Jack London Historic State Park on Friday, January 13, for a moderate hike on the Sonoma Ridge trail past the lake area. The distance roundtrip is eight miles with an elevation gain of 1800 feet, and takes about 5 hours including a lunch stop. Those who have less time can go as far as the lake or return via the Ridge trail before they reach the summit. The group will meet at 10 AM at the upper parking lot and leave promptly at 10:15 AM. Please bring water, a bag lunch and your entry fee. This hike is sponsored by California State Parks and Valley of the Moon Natural History Association. For more hike information, contact Laura Blatt at laurahikes@yahoo.com or Bob Long at goyoung55@yahoo.com.