AGE OF AQUINAS

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Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, February 13, 9:00 am
Next Los Gatos Creek hike: Saturday, February 13, 9:45 am

Hike Report - Shoreline:
Last week I think I claimed the hiking weather was "back to normal" because the sun was shining. I'm beginning to believe "normal" is grey, overcast, and raining! In spite of the dismality of the weather, though, it was warm and cheery among the handful of hikers who gathered. We had umbrellas along, just in case, but we *didn't* get rained on, except before and after the hike itself.

Wildlife sightings included a Red-tailed Hawk who looked to be having a bad feathers day in the rain, a pair of American Coots who were practicing their kick-boxing skills, and a frightened Ring-Necked Pheasant who flushed suddenly within a few feet of the trail. We turned around at our "benchmark" and made it back to the café, where several more joined us, before the rain resumed.

Coming up: Next Saturday is another Shoreline hike and another Los Gatos Creek hike. See below for details, and for the latest on upcoming events, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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Saturday, February 13, 2010 @ 9 am: *Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee* - Mountain View
Meet at *Lakeside Cafe* in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about a half hour, then turn around and walk a half hour back to the café for coffee and/or brunch about 10:00 or 10:15 am. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! The hikes go on regardless of temperature, sky condition, or precipitation state!
Directions to Lakeside Café:
From northbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit (*CAUTION!* Slow down! Tight off-ramp curve!) and turn right at the light (NOTE: *No* right on red).
From southbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit and turn left at the light.
Once on Shoreline Blvd, follow it about 2 miles to the Lakeside Cafe parking lot. We will gather near the breezeway between the cafe and the aquatic center.
Map:
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=3160+n+shoreline+blvd&csz=mountain+view+ca++94043
More information: Visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html, call Randy on 408.739.2881 or Email: age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

***** These hikes are every Saturday *****

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Saturday, February 13, 2009 @ 9:45 am: *Los Gatos Creek Trail Hike & Lunch* - Los Gatos
Walk up the Los Gatos Creek Trail toward St. Joseph's Hill Open Space in Los Gatos. Meet in front of the Purple Onion café, 26 E Main St, Los Gatos, CA 95030, which is near the trailhead. Parking can be found in public lots along University and Santa Cruz Aves. The exercise level of this walk is "ambitious" and takes about 90 minutes round trip. You'll see wonderful vistas of Los Gatos Creek and Lexington Reservoir along the way. After the hike there is the option of coffee or tea at one of the cafés near the trailhead on Main St in Los Gatos.
Directions to Purple Onion Café:
From US-101 or I-280 or CA-85, take I-880/CA-17 exit and travel south to Exit #20A (East Los Gatos) onto CA-9 (Los Gatos/Saratoga Rd) eastbound. Turn right onto Los Gatos Blvd which turns into Main St. Lot #5 off Main Street just before Santa Cruz has 3 hours free parking.
Map: http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=26+e+main+st+los+gatos+ca.
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***** These hikes are every 2nd Saturday of the month *****