

A Weekend of Wind-Swept Redwoods Hikes on the Ridge Trail Car Shuttle and Parking Pro-Tips



This assumes you have 2 cars

Day 1: Meet at Spring Ridge Parking Area - Windy Hill; on Hwy 35 - Skyline Blvd., half mile south of Old La Honda Road intersection. Leave one car and drive south to Skyline Ridge Open Space parking area, located approximately 1 mile south of the Alpine Rd./Page Mill Rd. intersection. After you turn in from the highway, keep to the right. The trailhead is near the circular parking area with the pit toilet. Begin hike heading northward on Ipiwa Trail.

After approximately 5 miles, you will reach Rapley Rd. There is a 0.7 mile gap in the trail here and to get to the next segment walk north along Skyline Blvd. The trail into Windy Hill Open Space is on the right, though not very prominently signed. At Spring Ridge Parking Area get your car and drive south to pick up the other car at Skyline Ridge. From Skyline Ridge drive north approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Page Mill Rd. After 5.7 miles, turn right onto Moody Rd. After approximately 2.7 miles, turn right onto El Monte, which takes you to downtown Los Altos. This will take approximately half hour.

Day 2: Leave a car at the unsigned south trailhead of Purisima Creek Redwoods. It is a small area on the west side of the road, approximately 1 mile north of the Kings Mtn. Rd. intersection. Go slow and watch carefully, it is easy to miss. After the hike, drive back to the north trailhead to pick up your other car.

Day 3: Leave a car at the south trailhead of Purisima Creek Redwoods, the small, unsigned area (same as day 2). Drive south approximately 3.3 miles to a fairly wide, but unmarked parking area on the east (left) side of the road. It is shortly after Bear Gulch Rd. After the hike, drive south to get your other car.