

May 2022 AAUW Longer Hikes

May 6 :Trione-Annadel: Spring Lake to Lake Ilsanjo Kerry Elkind

We will begin our hike at Spring Lake in Santa Rosa and make our way over to Lake Ilsanjo in Annadel. This hike is an 8 mile loop and has under 1000 feet elevation. We should see lots of beautiful wildflowers, butterflies, and scenery along this route. This hike takes about 3.5 hours, and we have a lovely spot by Lake Ilsanjo to stop for a snack or lunch. Hopefully we won't have too many cyclists to contend with.

May 13 Pierce Point/Tomales Point-Hilary Kambour

It's worth it to get up early for this 9 mile hike in the wild flowers!! I'm bringing my husband with his wildflower expertise with us, to explore this gorgeous area of Pt Reyes. Although long in length there are no significant elevation changes (a climb up a sand dune at the halfway point) totaling about 1000 ft. We may see the beautiful Tule Elk along the way but should enjoy a multitude of wild flowers including radish, lupine and maybe even cob web thistle. Come with lunch, water, a hat and poles. We will meet at City hall an hour early at 8:00 a.m. to try to beat the traffic on the way home. We should be back at your cars around 4 p.m.

May 20: Willow Creek Trail: Julia Graves

This Friday, 5/20, we will hike the Willow Creek Trail. This trail is part of the Sonoma Coast State Park, featuring forests and grasslands with stunning views of the ocean, including the popular "Islands in the Sky" loop. [Access](#) to the Willow Creek Trail is from Duncan Mills off Freezeout Road.

There are 2 options for this hike to consider, a shorter version approximately 6 miles, or a longer version which is approximately 9.5 miles. Both versions begin at the Freezeout Flat parking area and follow a logging road up to the Islands in the Sky trail. I have attached a map with **bold** lines following the shorter version and **dotted** lines showing the longer version. There is a mile-long hill up to the Islands in the Sky Trail, then rolling hills along the ridge for the shorter version. The longer version has the same climb up to the ridge top, then a nice downhill, followed by a mile uphill. Let me know which hike you would prefer. Meet at the Hburg City Hall parking lot at 9 am. Bring hiking accessories and lunch. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you.

There will no hike on May 27 due to the Installation