

When: Nov 14, 2004 Where: Big Basin

Scouts

Matt M, Dane H, Patrick H

Adults

Mr. Hedstrom, Mr. Hamilton

Location

Rancho Del Oso to Berry Creek Falls. From CA 1 at the San Mateo/Santa Cruz County border, drive south about 1 mile, then turn right into the parking lot (this trailhead is about 15 miles south of Pescadero Road/about 7 miles north of Davenport).

Length 12.1 Miles

Trip Summary

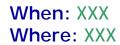
Our trip started with a foul up at our usual meeting place, the Foster City Rec Center. Usually empty, it was packed with crew teams and shells participating in the Head of the Lagoon crew race. Patrick and Dane waited for stragglers, while the rest of us went to the library. No one else showed up, so the five of us drove off looking forward to a beautiful day.

The hike is a great hike. You start off on a road that leads to the ranger station. At that point you pick up a trail that runs on the edge of a ridge. Then it's a dry crossing of the creek. You cross the creek several more times before getting to the falls.

Matt entertained the group with various musical renditions on his kazoo. He does a stirring rendition of Hawaii Five-O.

Lunch was at the falls which were beautiful. The water falls about 70 feet into a small pool at the bottom. A great place to enjoy our trail lunch. We took a quick trip up to the top of the falls, then headed back down the trail. Total hiking time was about six hours with lunch.

All the scouts on this trip got one of their Hiking Merit Badge hikes in. The weather was beautiful and the hike even better. This is one that can be repeated.





Moss Covered Trees



Patrick and Dane cross the "tricky" bridge



Is Matt worried about this one?



Berry Creek Falls



The Gang