AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, December 13, 9:00 am

Hike Report -- Shoreline:

We say we *always* hike, rain or shine. And sometimes it rains, but mostly it shines. It shone today and we enjoyed it. We saw: a Peregrine Falcon, multitudinous Coots and Canada Geese, a Red-Shouldered Hawk, some Kites, a few Northern Shovelers, Turkey Vultures, Cinnamon Teals and Night Herons, an American Widgeon (!), some Great Egrets, Green-Winged Teals and hummingbirds, and lots and lots of Seagulls and Crows. We also saw a huge flock of birders, observing and photographing what looked like a mall parking lot on Black Friday full of birds parked on the salt ponds. We got in their way briefly as we hiked past them, but they were gracious and smiled at us.

Speaking of smiles, there were countless numbers of those back at the café where we had coffee, breakfast, and camaraderie. You don't want to miss it next Saturday!

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Hike Report -- Edgewood:

The once-a-month hike at Edgewood Park was lightly attended but that didn't stop the daffodils from starting to pop. The Sylvan Trail was beautiful as usual, lovely and easy, and the beauty of the views was as unsurpassed as ever. It'll be a month before there's another official "Saturday Hike North", but you don't have to wait that long to check it out for yourself!

Coming up in January, we have not only the 5th Anniversary Dance on the 17th, and another Edgewood hike on the 3rd, but also the first Saturday Hike SOUTH on the 10th! Watch this space for details and for a complete rundown on upcoming events, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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Saturday, December 13, @ 9 am: Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee

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 *****