

## News from Nan

### NEWS 'N' VIEWS

# SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS #1: CRANE CREEK, RIVERFRONT, SHILOH RANCH, SONOMA VALLEY

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*For the rest of this year and into 2021, we've given ourselves a challenge: to visit as many of the 54 Sonoma County regional parks as we can, and identify our top-ten favorites (the favorites are marked with an asterisk).*

*We've already visited and blogged about the following four, and here is a summary of our impressions.*

### **\* Crane Creek Regional Park, Rohnert Park**



This park is only a few miles from our apartment. Not only does it have hiking trails (mostly flat), but it is home to a disc golf course, which is popular with families and groups of friends, especially college-age students.

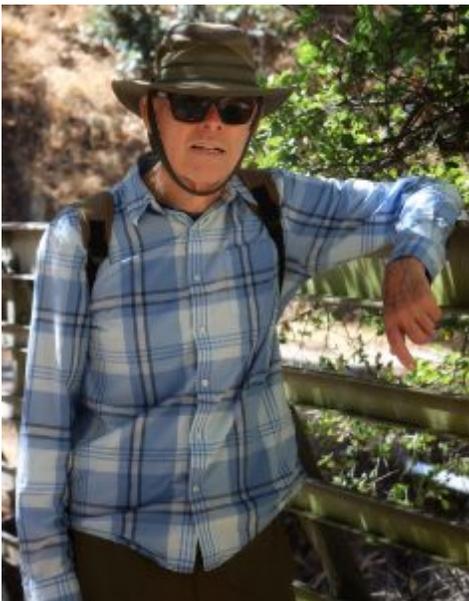
Crane Creek is already a favorite.

### **Riverfront Regional Park, Healdsburg**



We first visited Riverfront in July, before our move to Sonoma County. We loved the lakes and the cozy redwood grove near the parking area.

### **Shiloh Ranch Regional Park, Windsor**



In October we hiked the Creekside trail at Shiloh Ranch. Like so many parks and other open spaces in Sonoma County, Shiloh is near (next to) picturesque vineyards.

It's popular with hikers, bikers, and horseback riders.

### **\* Sonoma Valley Regional Park, Glen Ellen**



When we first hiked Sonoma Valley in 2018, we were moved by this memorial to the 2017 fire victims.

Sonoma Valley is easily reached from Highway 12 near Glen Ellen, just a few miles from Ellen and Rick’s lot (soon to be home).

We’ve been there a number of times since. It has something for everyone: a paved, accessible, east-west central path with no abrupt elevation changes, and steeper and more challenging side-trails off to the north and south.

Sonoma Valley is already one of our favorites, and we’ve been back a number of times.

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