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REMEMBERING THE 2017 NUNS FIRE VICTIMS AND OTHER BELOVED PETS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS

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One of our favorite places to walk in Sonoma County is the Sonoma Valley Regional Park. Some of the features that draws us there are the paved walking path, which traverses a lovely oak forest; the fact that dogs are allowed/encouraged, and the fact that it's only a couple of miles from where we live.



East trailhead for the Jack London trail, Sonoma Valley Regional Park, Glen Ellen, California

The park also has a nice little memorial about the half-way point between Highway 12 and Arnold Way: a homemade wooden “corral”-type display filled with decorated rocks created in memory of the victims of the 2017 Nuns Fire that destroyed large areas of Glen Ellen and Kenwood. Written on each rock is the name and age of one of the fire victims.



Fire rocks in 2023



Fire rocks in 2018

It's a nice place to sit at the nearby picnic table and rest and think and remember.

We hadn't known this before, but apparently once each year the display is augmented with hundreds more "memory rocks," most of which display the names of beloved pets who have "crossed the rainbow bridge."

We happened to be out walking at the park over the Memorial Day weekend, and we were both enchanted with and moved by the additional outpouring of love.



Dick, our granddog Bailey, and the additional rocks on Memorial Day weekend, 2023



Closer-in view of the memorial rocks on the table



Sign explaining the significance of the rock display

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