Peregrine Trail

at Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area

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The Peregrine Trail is a short trail that begins at Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area. It is less than a mile long, but is a delightful trail that "wanders" down to the Pioneer Express Trail, the main arterial trail.

Location Information

Consult a road map of southern Placer County, or visit the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association website to download a map. From Auburn-Folsom Road, drive eastward on Lomida Lane for 0.8 miles, following brown county signs with white letters. Look for these street signs.







In the first mile, Lomida Lane ascends into a residential neighborhood of expensive homes. After 0.8 miles on Lomida Lane, turn left on Sterling Point Court at the intersection with Lake Forest Drive with these signposts:







Turn left at this intersection and proceed for 0.4-miles on Sterling Point Court. Look for these detailed equestrian signposts. The total distance is 1.2 miles from Auburn-Folsom Road to the equestrian staging area.



Peregrine Trail "to wander"

The Peregrine Trail begins at the upper (paved) parking lot of Sterling Pointe Equestrian Staging Area. It is a slow-paced, meandering trail designed so that you can "wander" and browse among the oaks to observe nature. It is relaxing to get away from the hectic pace of the city, and "to wander" leisurely in blissful solitude along this short trail.

The etymology of the word *peregrine* is derived from the Latin *peregrinus*, which means "wanderer." In turn, this name is given by ornithologists to the peregrine falcon, a raptor that "wanders" the skies in search of the next field mouse.

We recall the aphorism of J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Lord of the Rings*: "Not all those who wander are lost." Our horses would happily agree — because they love to wander outside of their pasture fences.

The wandering Peregrine Trail intersects with the Sterling Pointe Trail (0.1-mile) in an X-pattern, and also with the main Pioneer Express Trail 0.4-miles distant. The botanical signs along the trail were researched and designed by Monica Finn, a professional botanist who has also assisted LBHA with botanical signs at Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve in Penryn, a 90-acre public ranch operated by Placer County Parks.



Trail head for the Peregrine Trail



Cross-Over Trail Signs



Map of the Peregrine Trail



botanical signs at Sterling Pointe