



The Woodlands Hiking Club had a fabulous day in nature yesterday! The weather was sublime, the company - new and old acquaintances - convivial and multi-experienced.

We met at the Cochran Road aka WG Jones State Forest Trail Head off FM1488. Numbering at 28 hikers, we may have been the largest group TWHC has ever had. Jones Forest was the perfect spot for a large group to meet for the first time. We were able to spread out safely - and spread out we did! We stopped periodically to regroup, hydrate and then move along. Several people left the group at different times to accommodate what was best for them and their body and that is good. Everyone had a map and texted to say they made it to their cars. The hike mileage total varied but my (Katie's) watch said 5.77 miles.

WG Jones State Forest is a little oasis in our back-yard. The paths are wide, partly because this is an educational property and partly as fire breaks. We took one short and narrow path between the main roads and stopped to enjoy the twin ponds off Middle Lake Road. We visited with some fishermen by the ponds as well as with two horses - one who LOVED playing at the pond's edge. (There is a video in the attached photos.) In the last mile of our hike we came across another two horses - and their humans!. The horses were very friendly and we were encouraged to feed them "cookies". They were so gentle that even one member who is afraid of horses gave the strikingly beautiful Arabian, two cookies!

This link has photos from several of our hikers, who we thank for sharing! Enjoy!

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