

Red is such a beautiful & rare color in the wild. Best to keep your distance though.



After yesterday's ride Kevin took advantage of the shop being closed (for Memorial Day) to catch up on some school work and play video games. Me? If I can ride, I gotta ride. I did spend some time around the house, getting rid of a bunch of old computer stuff that has to be recycled, rebuilt my wife's computer so it wouldn't be quite so slow, and left things looking more of a mess than when I started. Work in progress.

But yes, I did ride. Decided it was time to head out to Waterdog Lake in Belmont, which I haven't visited in quite a while. With my Trek Boone 'Cross bike, of course. Yes, a mountain bike would have been more appropriate for some of the conditions, but when the closest thing to a mountain bike in the garage is a 'cross bike, all of a sudden every dirt ride looks like something that can be done on a 'cross bike.

Nice thing about Waterdog (and, for that matter, Arastradero) is that they're not too far from home, so I can ride 6-10 miles on normal roads, with squishy off-road tires, and it's just barely tolerable. Just barely. When on a bike with a road-like position, road handlebars, on a road, you feel like you want to go faster. It takes a while to settle in and accept that you're only going to be doing 16 or 17mph, not 20 or 22. But, getting there by bike is a whole lot better than driving!

You can see the Waterdog route in the Strava map below. Nothing terribly challenging; I'll try to bite off a bit more next time.