

50 Common Names (cont'd.)

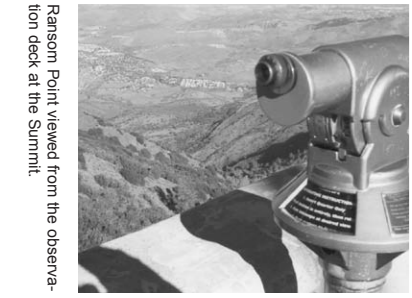
Leopold Schmidt founded Olympia Brewing Company in Tumwater, WA in 1896. Since 1983, it adopted the enduring slogan: "tis the Water." Unfortunately, the last can of Olympia rolled off the line on May 27, 2003. Olympia Brewing Company is now history.

PERKINS CANYON (G4)

Solomon D. Perkins (1822- ?), a native of Missouri, purchased property in 1859 and farmed in the Morgan Territory area.

RANSOM POINT (F4)

Leander Ransom (1800-1874), a U.S. Deputy Surveyor General, selected the summit of Mount Diablo as the base point to survey central California and western Nevada in the summer of 1851. He was born in Connecticut and while still a young man, went to Cleveland, Ohio. A few years later, he became President of the Public Works of Ohio, and moved his family to Columbus. Leander was a man of imposing build weighing 235 pound, standing over six feet tall. He died at the age of 74 as the result of an accident. As a fitting memorial to the pioneer work of



Leander Ransom, the Society of Engineers dedicated "Ransom Point" near the Mount Diablo summit in October 1926. A few recent historical references, including previous editions of the "Trail Map of Mount Diablo State Park", spell Leander's last name "Ransome." However, the more authoritative historical documents of his day spell his last name without the "e."

RAY MORGAN ROAD (H4)

Raymond H. Morgan (1933-1986) lived in the Morgan Territory area. He served as the Fire Chief of the East Diablo Fire Protection District for 12 years, and worked for this District for 26 years. Ray died in Clayton at the age of 53. His wife Helen, daughters Debra Finn and Renae Tharp, both of Antioch, parents Howard and Grace Morgan of Clayton, brother Ken Morgan of Napa, and two grandchildren, survived him.

RHINE CANYON (F5)

Charles Rhine (1838-1920) was a native of Poland. He came to Contra Costa County in 1857 and opened a general merchandise store with partner Joel Clayton (see Clayton Oaks Road) near the present town of Clayton. He also owned and operated a 900-acre farm in the area. Most of the

goods he raised he sold in his store. Charles was also the postmaster in Clayton. In 1868, Charles married Celia Lobree Rhine, a native of Prussia. They had eight children. It is believed that the nearby "Rhyne [sic] Quicksilver Mine" was also named for him. It operated as far back as 1875 and helped to turn the tiny community of Clayton into a thriving town. Deposits of the hard blue serpentine and red cinnabar became a valuable source of mercury for the country's munitions industry.

RIGGS CANYON (I7)

The canyon is named for Kentucky native, Louisa Riggs Morgan (1829-1917) and her ancestors who owned property and raised livestock in the Canyon area in the mid-1800s. Louisa was Jeremiah Morgan's (Morgan Territory Road) second wife. They were married in 1869. They had one son, and were married for 37 years. Louisa died in Modesto at the age of 88 years.

SATTLER TRAIL (H2)

This trail is named for William Henry Sattler (1909-1997) and his wife, Genevieve Sattler (1915-1999). For two decades, "Bill" and "Gen" were the quiet strength of Save Mount Diablo (SMD), the land trust they helped start in 1971. Bill was the Treasurer of SMD for almost two decades, and Gen was the Secretary. They both played a sentinel role in protecting the rugged open spaces of Mount Diablo from housing tracts. In 1971, just 7,500-acres were protected as part of Mount Diablo State Park. Now, the Park's acreage is over 20,000-acres. Bill and Gen were married in 1950, and raised four children: Joyce, Carol, Edward and Albert. Bill was a partner in Sattler's Appliance Stores (Concord) for 32 years. The business closed in 1990.

SHARKEY ROAD (G2)

This fireroad is named for California State Senator William R. Sharkey (1879-1948). It was through his efforts that Mount Diablo was made a State Park and Game Refuge in 1921. Senator Sharkey was the author and sponsor of a bill in the California legislature that made it so. Besides being a legislator, Senator Sharkey was well known as a newspaper publisher and conservationist.

SOTO SPRINGS (C3)

The springs are named for the deSoto family who owned and operated a 360-acre working cattle ranch east of North Gate Road for several generations. The de Soto ownership can be traced to the late 1800s to Alvarado John de Soto (1858-1916). Alvarado was a prominent political figure in Contra Costa County serving as Auditor for many years until 1907. His father, Silverio Ygnacio Carlos de Soto (1831-1906), was the grandson of Ignacio de Soto (1740-1807) of Sinaloa, Mexico. Ignacio came to California in 1776 with the expedition of Captain Juan Bautista de

Anza, and helped build the presidio and mission at San Francisco. It is important to note that Alvarado's brother, Presentacion Marcus de Soto (1859-1932), a Concord postmaster for nearly 30 years, has been credited as the first person to work toward Mount Diablo becoming a State Park. Upon Alvarado's death his children inherited the property. They sold it to a realtor in the 1950s. Save Mt.



Diablo purchased the property in 1984 and subsequently deeded it Mt. Diablo State Park.

STAGE ROAD (B5)

On November 4, 1873, the Mount Diablo Summit Road Company was incorporated to build a road from Ygnacio Valley in Walnut Creek, through Pine Canyon, and up to the summit. The "Stage Road" was opened on May 2, 1874, with two stage lines running twice daily from the Pacheco-Martinez area.

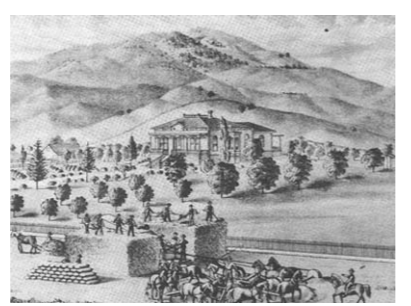
TASSAJARA CREEK (I9)

This name orriginates from the Spanish-American word "tasajero" ("tasajo" in Spanish means "jerked beef" or "piece of meat") designating a place where beef or venison is cut in strips and hung-out in the sun to dry or cure.

WALKER CANYON (F2)

James Toomey Walker (1825-1902) and his family were early settlers in the Walnut Creek area. James married Mary Caroline Vaughan Walker (1840-1922) in 1861.

They had three children, a son and two daughters. In 1868, he built a home on his 1,400-acre ranch (acquired in 1851). The



The home of James T. Walker in 1879.

home remains today on North Gate Road in Walnut Creek at the foot of Mount Diablo State Park. James' famous uncle, Joseph Reddeford Walker (1798-1876), moved into the new house with his nephew and lived there until his death at the age of 77. Joseph Reddeford Walker was a trapper, trailblazer, guide, and stock buyer of the 1830s and 1840s. Walker Pass in the

Sierra Nevada is named for him. He is buried in Alhambra Cemetery in Martinez, where his headstone recounts the highlights of his career. James' son, John "Johnnie" Walker (1862-1942), remained on the ranch after his father's death, and continued in the cattle business for almost three decades. His herd numbered over 1,500 cattle. John married Margaret McDonald Walker in 1886. They had seven children, all born on the ranch created by James.

WASSERMANN TRAIL (F2)

This trail is named for Dr. Franz W. Wassermann and his wife Sarah Wassermann. Both Franz and Sarah are 83-years-old and live in Walnut Creek. He was born in Munich, Germany, and she in Cleveland, Ohio. They joined the Concord/Mount Diablo Trailride Association in 1960 and have been very active with the Association's operations and events since then. For many years, Franz was a psychiatrist with Contra Costa County, and also in private practice. They have two children: Paul, a pediatrician in Chico, and daughter, Margie Bone, a psychiatrist in Seattle. The Trailride Association named the Trail for Franz and Sarah before the land was annexed to Mount Diablo State Park.

WISE ROAD (G2)

Dr. Warren R. Wise (1909-1989) and his family owned a house and 83-acres along this road. Warren was a medical doctor who worked for Johns Manville International in Pittsburg, California. Robert Nunn purchased his property, also known as "Three Springs", from the Wise heirs. Robert kept the house on 5-acres, and sold the remaining 78-acres to Save Mount Diablo in 1992. This property was then deeded to the State of California to be included in Mount Diablo State Park.

WRIGHT CANYON (F4)

Dorothy Tudder Wright named the canyon in memory of her late husband, Martin Barr Wright (1920-1999), and his ancestors and descendants. Dorothy and Martin were high school sweethearts in Oakland, and were married in 1942. In 1946, they purchased 110-acres along Morgan Territory Road for \$20,000 from the Olofson family estate. Martin's parents were George Ross Wright (1892-1958) and Edith Olofson Wright (1893-1992). Edith was a granddaughter of John Peter and Clarissa Olofson (see Olofson Ridge Road). Dorothy and Martin owned and operated Curry Creek Park from 1946 to 1981 and raised five children.

ZIPPE TRAIL (G3)

Emmett Wilbur Zippe (1906-1987) owned and resided on 535-acres on the north slope of Mount Diablo. His property was deeded to the Park in 1978. Emmett was an employee of Pacific Bell. He died in Contra Costa County at the age of 80.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

Thursday, March 4 and Thursday, March 18 Meeting Place: To be determined. Event Leaders: Burt Bogardus (925) 820-2347 & Rich McDrew (925) 932-7511

Trash Removal Project! Clean up and debris removal from past land uses. The meeting location and time will vary, depending upon the location and type of Trash Removal Project. Please call Burt or Rich for more information or to RSVP to work.

Saturday, March 6 Meeting Place: Curry Point at 9:00 a.m. Hike Leaders: Burt Bogardus (925) 820-2347 & Rich McDrew (925) 932-7511

Historic Sites! This 8-mile hike with a 1700-foot elevation gain will view several historic/clean-up sites of the volunteer Trash Removal Project. We will hike up Summit Trail to the 1870s site of Mountain House hotel, then to the 1930's Greenhill Ranch site, then to Frog Pond, Hidden Pond, and Chase Ponds. We will also look at the old pipes in Mountain Springs Creek, and hike through Curry Canyon with its remnants of cattle ranching. Along the way, evidence of historic Native American presence will also be viewed.

Saturday, March 6 Meeting Place: Juniper Campground at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Guy Mayes (510) 522-1590

Diablo's High Peaks! Join Guy on this moderately strenuous hike featuring North Peak, Devil's Pulpit, and the Summit. Moderately to leisurely paced, with many steep trails. Rain cancels.

Sunday, March 7 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Rich Kelson (925) 672-0674

Bug Adventure! Hike up Mitchell Canyon on a four-mile round trip adventure to learn about the butterflies, bugs, caterpillars and wildflowers that inhabit the canyon with entomologist Rich Kelson. Contact Rich for details or further information.

Saturday, March 13 Meeting Place: To be determined. Event Coordinator: Sue Schwartz (925) 837-6122

Volunteer Trail Work! The Volunteer Trail Crew meets the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. In case of rain, the workday is postponed to the following Saturday. It rains again the workday is cancelled for the month. No experience is necessary. Leave your name and contact information with Sue so that she can confirm the location and time.

Sunday, March 14 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Bill Pierson (925) 457-1013

Mitchell Canyon Wildflower Sketch Hike! Draw globe lilies, hound's tongues and many other great wildflowers. Flower ID and drawing pointers provided. Bring bag lunch, water and art materials of your choice. Folding chair, camera and binoculars optional. All ages and experience levels welcome. Meet for carpool at Pleasant Hill Bart at 10:00 AM. Back by 4:00 PM. Rain cancels.

Saturday, March 14 Meeting Place: Regency Drive Trailhead at 1:00 p.m. Hike Leader: Lucy Henderson (925) 254-2898

Twin Peaks! Enjoy this leisurely paced 5-mile scenic loop to Twin peaks (1100' elevation gain - mostly gradual with a few steep places). Bring water and snack. Rain cancels.

Wednesday, March 17 Meeting Place: Macedo Ranch Staging Area at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Edgar Mendelson (925) 837-4783

Mt. Diablo's South Side! Join Edgar for a moderate hike on the mountain's south side.

Tuesday, March 23 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 9:30 a.m. Hike Leaders: Modesto and Diana Piazza (925) 939-2747

Springtime Waterfalls! This moderate hiking loop takes you to see one of Mt. Diablo's most spectacular attractions-waterfalls nearly 100' high. Wildflowers should be abundant. Rain cancels.

Saturday, March 27 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Sharon Walters (925) 820-3102

Waterfalls Hike! Celebrate spring with a beautiful hike to the waterfalls of Mt. Diablo-some up to 100 feet high! This is a moderate hike (approx. six miles round trip). Wildflowers, rock formations, and sweeping views make this trip spectacular. Heavy rain cancels.

Saturday, March 27 Meeting Place: Lower Summit Parking Lot at 6:00 p.m. Event Leaders: Mount Diablo Astronomical Society. For information call (925) 376-7701

Planet Parade! You'll see SIX planets and the Moon. Tour the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter, the craters on our own Moon! Become a planet as we build a scale model of the Solar System. How far to the nearest star? How many other stars have planets like our own?

Wednesday, March 31 Meeting Place: Rock City at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Carol Larson (925) 691-6303

Rock City-Knobcone-Sycamore Creek Loop! Join Carol on this leisurely hike in some beautiful canyons in Mt. Diablo. Some steep trails. Bring water & lunch. Rain cancels.

APRIL

Thursday, April 1 and Thursday, April 15 Meeting Place: To be determined. Event Leaders: Burt Bogardus (925) 820-2347 & Rich McDrew (925) 932-7511

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Friday, April 2 Meeting Place: Juniper Campground at 9:30 a.m Hike Leaders: Bruce Baldwin and Staci Markos (510) 643-7008

Walk Around the Mountain! This annual hike on Mt. Diablo, featuring wildflowers and wide vistas, passes through several plant communities of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. "The Flowering Plants & Ferns of Mt. Diablo, California" by Barbara Ertter and Mary L. Bowerman will be available for purchase. Hike is about 6 miles, much of it fairly strenuous and slippery. Route includes Deer Flat, Murchio Gap, Prospectors Gap (via Bald Ridge), Devils Elbow, and return via Juniper Trail.

Saturday, April 3 Meeting Place: Juniper Campground at 9:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Karen Synowiec (925) 372-7060

Wildflowers and Serpentine on a Grand Loop Trail! We'll hike down Deer Flat road trail to Meridian Ridge, Prospector's Gap, round the summit to North Peak Trail, through Lower Summit parking lot and down Juniper Trail. Discover how the state rock, serpentine, influences the wildflower population. Call for information and confirmation. Bring lunch and water for 8-mile strenuous loop hike. There is an1800-foot elevation gain.

Saturday, April 3 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon Staging Area at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Yulan Tong (925) 945-6068

Spring Wildflowers! Take a leisurely walk along the Mitchell Canyon fire road to see spring wildflowers. Please bring plenty of water, a lunch, sunscreen and hat.

Sunday, April 4 Meeting Place: Uplands Picnic Area at 12:30 p.m. Hike Leader: Ranger Vince Anibale (925) 837-6129

Walk Into the Past! Join Ranger Vince on an easy three-mile hike as you explore West Fossil Ridge. Learn about the history and evolution of Mount. Diablo.

Friday, April 9 Meeting Place: Regency Drive Trailhead at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Lucy Henderson (925) 254-2898

Wildflower Hike! Join Lucy on her annual Good Friday wildflower hike through Back Canyon and around the Falls Trail (8 miles, 1300' elevation gain) with a leisurely pace and stops to look at flowers. Bring lunch, liquids, and sturdy hiking shoes. Rain cancels.

Saturday, April 10 Meeting Place: Summit Visitor Center at Noon. Event Coordinator: Ranger Carl Nielson (925) 837-6129

Ask the Ranger! Meet Ranger Carl for a question and answer session that serves as an excellent introduction to Mt. Diablo State Park.

Saturday, April 10 Meeting Place: To be determined. Event Coordinator: Sue Schwartz (925) 837-6122

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Saturday, April 10 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Sharon Walters (925) 820-3102

Little Giant Loop! Take an exceptional springtime hike on Mt. Diablo with masses of wildflowers and rushing streams. This is a challenging 9.2-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1900'. Lunch stop at Deer Flat is one of the prettiest spots on the mountain with sweeping views. Return via Mitchell Canyon Road! Heavy rain cancels.

Sunday, April 11 Meeting Place: Macedo Ranch Staging Area at 8:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Diane Smith (925) 803-1478

Every Which Way to the Top! Join Diane in the fourth in a series of strenuous hikes to the summit of Mt. Diablo. Celebrate Easter on this full-day hike via Burma Road and Juniper Trail with a return by Summit Trail and Wall Point Road. Recommended for experienced hikers only.

Saturday, April 17 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 6:00 a.m. Event Coordinator: Pacific Coast Trail Run

Pacific Coast Trail Run! 50-mile run. The run starts at Mitchell Canyon, going to the summit.

Sunday, April 18 Meeting Place: Diablo Foothills Regional Park, next to Castle Rock Recreation Area-12:30 p.m. Event Coordinator: Fran Leighty (925) 944-9068

Betty Goldstein Memorial Dedication! Representatives of MDIA and Mt. Diablo State Park will dedicate a picnic table in honor of Betty Goldstein. The table is located along Stage Road near the junction of Little Yosemite Trail, just outside the Mt. Diablo State Park gate. Access is via the Castle Rock Trailhead. Contact Rich McDrew (925) 932-7511 for specific directions and additional information.

Saturday, April 24 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon Staging Area at Noon. Later, Lower Summit Parking Lot One Hour Before Sundown. Event Leaders: Mount Diablo Astronomical Society. For information call (925) 376-7701

National Astronomy Day! Safely view the Sun through a telescope, see craters on the Moon, go on planet walk or build a model of the Milky Way Galaxy.Festivities begin at noon at the Mitchell Canyon Earth Day Celebration.

Saturday, April 24 Meeting Place: Locations will be assigned during pre-registration. Hike Leader: Mount Diablo State Park Contact Ranger Ryen Goering (925) 837-6129

Earth Day on Mt. Diablo! Here is a chance to give back to the mountain that gives us so much. There are many projects to choose from. To volunteer and find out about meeting places, times, and projects please contact Ranger Ryen Goering at (925 837-6129 or e-mail junction-rangers@earthlink.net.

MAY

Saturday, May 1 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Steve Bakaley (925) 945-8205

Mt. Olympia and Eagle Peak! Join Steve on this strenuous but moderately paced hike involving Mt. Olympia, Eagle Peak, and Twin Peaks. Participants must have a minimum of two liters of water. Rain cancels.

Thursday, May 6 and Thursday, May 20 Meeting Place: To be determined. Event Leaders: Burt Bogardus (925) 820-2347 & Rich McDrew (925) 932-7511

Trash Removal Project! Clean up and debris removal from past land uses. The meeting location and time will vary, depending upon the location and type of Trash Removal Project. Please call Burt or Rich for more information or to RSVP to work.

Saturday, May 8 Meeting Place: Lower Summit Parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Yulan Tong (925) 945-6068

Spring Wildflowers! We will take two short hikes at the Summit to see wildflowers. We may see four of Mt. Diablo's endemic plants. Please bring water, a hat, and sunscreen.

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Saturday, May 8 Meeting Place: Regency Drive Trailhead at 9:00 a.m. Hike Leader: Diane Smith (925) 803-1478

Four Peaks! Experienced hikers only are invited to join Diane on this very strenuous hike where we will conquer all four of Mt. Diablo's main peaks (Mt. Olympia, North Peak, the Summit, and Eagle Peak) in one outing. A full-day hike with 4500' of elevation gain. Bring lunch & lots of liquids.

Saturday, May 8 Meeting Place: Mitchell Canyon at 7:30 a.m. Event Coordinator: Redwood Trails.

Redwood Trails Run 9, 14, and 28 mile runs starting at Mitchell Canyon

Sunday, May 9 Meeting Place: Summit Visitor Center at 4:00 p.m. Event Coordinator: Ranger Ryen Goering (925) 837-612

Mount Diablo, a Still Growing Mountain! Mt. Diablo's geology is not only young, but it's growing as well. A program will focus upon the geologic history of Mount Diablo.

Saturday, May 15 Meeting Place: Summit Visitor Center at 11:00 a.m. Event Coordinator: Ranger Doug Camden (925) 837-6129

CCC at Mt. Diablo! Slide show and talk covering the history of the Civilian Conservation Corp, the largest Park capital outlay project in history. The program focuses upon the lasting impact of the CCC and it contributions to California State Parks and Mt. Diablo State Park.