

MOUNT DIABLO REVIEW

MOUNT DIABLO INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

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POINTS OF INTEREST

See also: www.mdia.org/points-of-interest

Summit Visitor Center Enjoy the view from 3,849 feet, and the natural history displays in the Center. Hike the Mary Bowerman Trail just below the summit. This flat 0.7 mile trail travels around the mountain, providing spectacular views when clear. The first 0.3 mile is wheelchair accessible, and there is a designated ADA parking space at the start of the trail.

Rock City Enjoy "Wind Caves" and find Elephant Rock. Great site for children and a family picnic. Walk to Sentinel Rock, Artist's Point, or Live Oak Campground. Check out Fossil Ridge Trail, about 1.2 miles out and back.

Diablo Valley Overlook At 2,900 feet, this large parking area near Juniper Campground has spectacular views of the East Bay. Hike to the Summit: 3 miles round trip and 1,000-foot elevation gain. Start at Laurel Nook Picnic Area and take the Juniper Trail.

Picnic Areas There are many picnic sites and tables along the road. Discover one today.

Other Hikes Mount Diablo has over 160 miles of trails and a hike for everyone. See <https://www.mdia.org/hiking-mount-diablo> to learn more.



SUMMIT BUILDING

WELCOME TO MOUNT DIABLO

Cameron Morrison,
Supervising Head
RangerSteve Smith,
MDIA President

WELCOME TO BEAUTIFUL MOUNT DIABLO!

You have picked a perfect day to come, and we want to help make your visit the best experience. Perhaps you're here for the first time, or are you a regular? Have you brought family and friends or are you looking for some solo contemplation? Is your destination the Summit to sightsee, or have you come to explore some of our 20,000 acres? Regardless of why you have arrived you are no doubt here to enjoy what nature and the outdoors have to offer you. Whether you are exploring the backcountry or just sharing a meal at a picnic spot, the flora and fauna you will experience are wonderful distractions from the bustling metropolis surrounding

us. Human beings have been enjoying this area for thousands of years and those of us who get to know it hold it in high regard. It truly is a special place. I am proud to lead the park's non-profit cooperative association, the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association. Our mission is simple, *Preservation through Education*. This publication will direct you toward ways you can enjoy this beautiful park. We would also like to offer you more information in the form of interesting articles more specific to the season you may be visiting in, just scan this QR code. Thanks for coming and have a wonderful time!

For current
information:

A more detailed topographic map is available for purchase at the entrance stations and the Summit and Mitchell



Canyon visitor centers.



Group Camps

	NIGHTLY USE FEE	CAPACITY CAMPER	VEHICLES
ach	\$65	20	7
y	\$65	20	7
	\$100	30	10
	\$100	30	10
e	\$165	50	17

Explore Mount Diablo Online

MDIA.org, the website of the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association, is your go-to resource for all things related to Mount Diablo State Park. Whether you're looking for great hikes, points of interest, or a list of seasonal wildflowers, you will find a variety of interactive online tools to help you better plan your visit and enjoy the park before, during, and after your stay. In addition to practical up-to-date information about emergency closures, camping, and visitor center hours, our newly expanded website also includes online guides to Mount Diablo's unique flora, fauna, and geology. For those looking for park souvenirs, clothing, or printed books and field guides, our online shop is quick and easy to use. And if you're interested in volunteering in the park or becoming a member of MDIA, we've got a tab for that too.

Visit MDIA.org today to learn more!

- Videos and podcasts about the park, <https://www.mdia.org/events/archiveall>
- Directions, admission fees, and park information
- Campground, picnic, and visitor center information
- Guide to popular hikes (by level of difficulty)
- Schedule of events and activities
- Guide to butterflies of Mount Diablo
- Guide to wildflowers of Mount Diablo
- Guide to birds of Mount Diablo
- Natural history webinars
- Convenient search feature
- Online store and membership information

Astronomy on Mount Diablo

The Astronomy Program is presented by Mount Diablo State Park, Mount Diablo Astronomical Society (MDAS), and Mount Diablo Observatory Association. For more details, go to Mount Diablo Astronomical Society's website, www.mdas.net, and click on Event Calendar.

Understanding Trail Signs



TRAIL SIGNS IN THE PARK FOLLOW

California State Parks' uniform format. The name of the trail you are on is specified in relatively small horizontal type near the top of the sign. The name that appears vertically in large type (another trail but sometimes a destination or park boundary) identifies the termination of that particular trail; note the word "TO" in small letters. The mileage to that end point is specified at the bottom.

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<https://mount-diablo-interpretive-association.square.site/>

PRODUCTS:

- Maps
- Nature Guides
- Hiking and History Guides
- Clothing
- Bicycle Jerseys

Park Rules

You are responsible for obeying these and other Park rules

- **All Features of the Park Are Protected!** Do not remove or disturb plants, animals, or geological features.
- **Park Hours:** Opens at 8 a.m. and closes at sunset. Visitors should be in their vehicles heading out at sunset to avoid being locked in.
- **No Alcohol:** All alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the park.
- **Vehicles/Bicycles Speed Limit:** 15 to 25 mph on park roads, 15 mph in campgrounds and picnic areas. All vehicles must stay on the pavement and are prohibited on trails and fire roads.
- **Bicycles** and class 1 ebikes are allowed only on paved roads, fire roads, and designated trails. Check at the Ranger Station for current regulations.
- **Drones or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)** are prohibited.
- **Skateboards**, rollerblades, rollerskates, and gravity-propelled devices are prohibited.
- **Dogs:** Must be on leash at all times when out of your car; must be in tent or a vehicle at night; and must stay in developed areas—they are not allowed on trails or fire roads.
- **Fires:** Restrictions in effect during season. Check with a Ranger. Fires must be in fire pits or barbecues provided—no ground fires.
- **Emergencies:** Dial 911.
- **Fireworks** are prohibited.
- **Firearms**/airguns and hunting are prohibited.

Contact Mount Diablo State Park

Recorded Road Closure
Information..... 925-837-2525
Summit Museum 925-837-6119
Junction Ranger..... 925-837-6129
TTY Relay Service..... 711
EMAIL: Feedback.MountDiablo@parks.ca.gov
www.parks.ca.gov/MountDiablo

MAILING ADDRESS:
(NOT FOR VEHICLE ACCESS)

Mount Diablo State Park
96 Mitchell Canyon Road
Clayton, CA 94517-1500



California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the Contra Solano Sector Office, 925-673-2891. This newsletter is available in alternate formats by contacting 925-673-2891.

Rules of the Road for Motorists and Cyclists



Share the roadway with all Park users.

- Drive at or below the posted Park speed limits.
CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 22350*
- Pass with sufficient visual clearance
CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 21751 *
- Do not pass on blind curves.
CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 21752(A)*
- Give bicyclists 3 feet clearance.
CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 21760(b)*
- Yield to equestrians.
CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 21759*

*MINIMUM FINE: \$238

Mount Diablo has 67 bike turnouts,
please be patient.

For more information about volunteering, email
VIPPMountDiablo@parks.ca.gov or leave
a phone message at 925-927-7222.

For information
about park safety
including poison
oak, rattlesnakes,
ticks, and personal
safety click on QR
code to the right.

