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Hike of the Month

Every month we will be featuring a great hike or two for you to enjoy on Mount Diablo! This month's hikes take advantage of the glorious display of wildflowers in Mitchell Canyon, particularly our iconic Mount Diablo Globe Lily. As we get closer to Summer, venture higher up on the mountain and enjoy the flowers of North Peak Trail and the Mary Bowerman. Check out these wonderful articles:

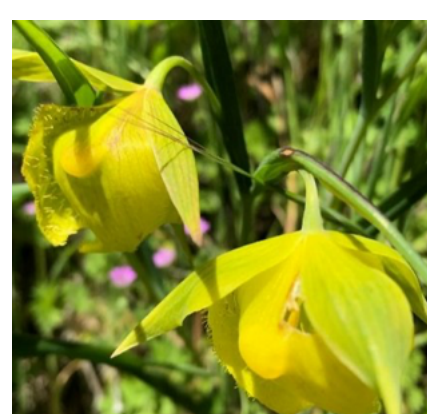
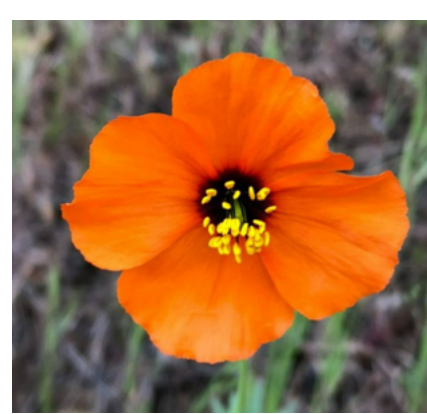
Globe Lily Hike: Take a lovely 2 mile hike with some easy climbs through Mitchell Canyon and Globe Lily Trail.

Black Point Hike: A little more strenuous hike at 5 miles and 1200 feet of climbing, this beauty is full of flowers right now!

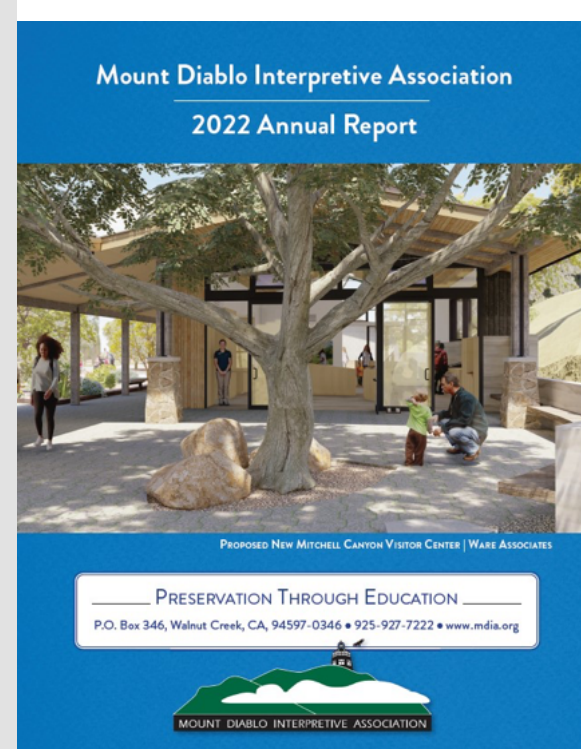
Springtime on North Peak Hike: About 2.5 miles and 700 feet of climbing, this hike offers stunning vistas and bountiful flowers.

Mary Bowerman Hike: One of our easiest hikes at just .7 miles and 60 feet of gentle climbing, this trail packs a punch! And the first quarter mile is ADA accessible.

We have revamped our Hiking section on the website with a new feature, [Find Your Hike](#). Here you can search from features you might like to see along the way or choose a level of difficulty. We have over 40 different hikes available, each with wonderful descriptions of the route and what to expect on your journey. You can always find great things to do by clicking on our [Activities](#) tab on the website.



Annual Report



MDIA has continued to further its mission of **Preservation through Education** by giving back to Mount Diablo State Park. As an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization we are extremely proud of what our small team has accomplished in 2022.

Open our latest [Annual Report](#) to see how *you* are helping us! Where is our revenue coming from? How are we contributing to the Park? Who are our donors for 2022? All those answers and so much more, just click on the image to see the report.

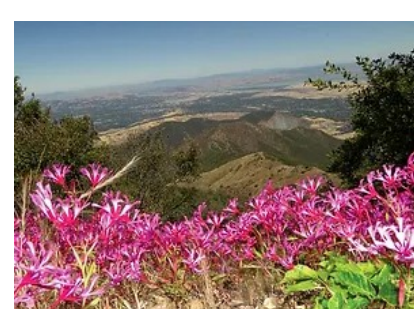
Fun Fact

Did you know our Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma blainvillii*) can squirt a quick stream of blood from the corner of its eyes with the hope of distracting or startling a predator and escaping? [Read more](#) about this fascinating reptile.

Upcoming Events



Hike: Common Poorwill Twilight Hike
Friday, May 19



Hike: Summit Wildflower Walk
Saturday, May 20



Webinar: Still Cooking at 90: The Rehab of the Diablo Stoves
Wednesday, May 24



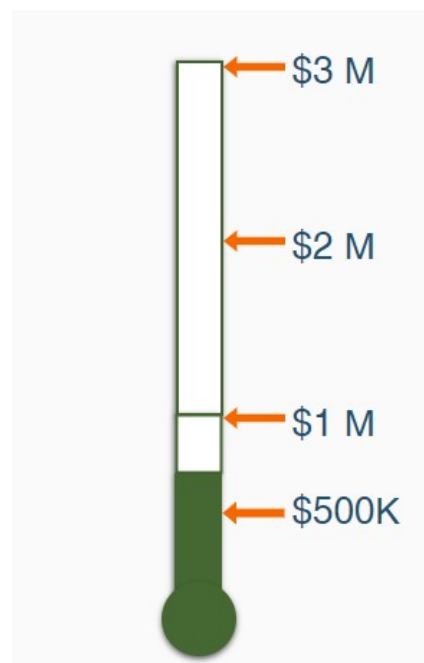
Hike: Nature Walk 5: Birds, Butterflies and Blooms
Wednesday, May 31

Matching Campaign

As you all know we are continuing to raise funds to build our brand new [Mitchell Canyon Education Center](#) and to date we have raised just over \$700,000 toward our \$3 Million goal.

We are very fortunate to have received **challenge grants** of \$30,000 from [Save Mount Diablo](#) and \$50,000 from an anonymous donor. We now call on you, our friends, and neighbors who love Mount Diablo and share our vision for the new Education Center at Mitchell Canyon, to help us meet this **\$80,000 matching goal** by **July 31, 2023**.

[DONATE](#)



Help us meet our goal of \$1M in 2023

Park Update: Road Closure



We all know how rough this Winter was in terms of storm damage, and Mount Diablo State Park took the brunt of it with over **70 inches of rainfall!** The Park staff and volunteers have done an amazing job clearing trails, shoring up landslides and ensuring the roadways are safe.



The worst casualty was North Gate Road, part of which slid into a deep canyon. The repairs are extensive and will necessitate a lengthy closure throughout the entire Summer starting May 19, 2023.

In order to make it safe for work crews and visitors alike, North Gate Road will be closed to all traffic- vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, equestrians, etc. until mid-September. You can view updates on the progress on the [Mount Diablo State Park](#) website or on the [Mount Diablo Facebook](#) page.



Thank you for your support of the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association and I will see you on the mountain!

Steve

"We acknowledge that Mount Diablo is the ancestral home, since time immemorial, of the Wilton Rancheria, Bay Miwok, Confederated Villages of Lisjan, Northern Valley Yokut, and Muwekma people."

