



# 2024 DATES FOR SAVE MOUNT DIABLO'S *FREE* PUBLIC HIKES & OUTINGS

All hikes and outings are free. Any that require a park entrance fee are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

## JANUARY



**TWIN PONDS LOOP IN WINTER**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH | 9 AM–12 PM**  
*Walnut Creek Open Space*  
 Join us for a hike at Shell Ridge.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 3.5 MILES, 500' ELEV.



**DR. MARY BOWERMAN 116TH BIRTHDAY HIKE\***  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH | 10 AM–12 PM**  
*Mount Diablo State Park*  
 Join us in celebrating Dr. Bowerman's 116th birthday!  
**DIFFICULTY:** EASY  
**DISTANCE:** 1 MILE, 50' ELEV.  
**\*PARK FEE:** \$10

## MARCH



**CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION HIKE**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND | TIME TBA**  
*Concord Reuse Project*  
 Join us for a unique opportunity to explore the landscape and enjoy the views from the former Concord Naval Weapons Station site.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 4–5 MILES



**GREEN HILLS, PONDS, AND NEWTS**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH | 9:30 AM–12 PM**  
*East Bay Regional Park District*  
 Join us for a lovely hike at Briones Regional Park.  
**DIFFICULTY:** EASY  
**DISTANCE:** 3 MILES



**KRANE POND PROPERTY DEDICATION FROM SAVE MOUNT DIABLO'S LOT 25**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH | 9 AM–12 PM**  
*Save Mount Diablo*  
 Please join Save Mount Diablo for our Krane Pond property dedication.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 400' ELEV.



**ON BELAY—ROCK CLIMBING**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD | 7 AM–11 AM**  
*Pinnacles National Park*  
 Join us in Pinnacles National Park for some rock climbing!  
**DIFFICULTY:** BEGINNER  
**DISTANCE:** 1 MILE  
**\*PARK FEE:** \$30



**SPRING BLOOMS OF THE NORTHERN FOOTHILLS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 25TH | 9 AM–12 PM**  
*East Bay Regional Park District*  
 Join us for a wildflower hike at Chaparral Spring.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 3 MILES



**PERKINS CANYON GEOLOGY AND HISTORY HIKE**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH | 9:30 AM–12:30 PM**  
*Mount Diablo State Park*  
 Join us for a nature adventure on the east side of Mount Diablo.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 3.3 MILES

## APRIL



**SHELL RIDGE OPEN SPACE LOOP**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH | 10 AM–12 PM**  
*Walnut Creek Open Space*  
 Beautiful rolling hills, a meander through an oak woodland with wildflowers, views of Mount Diablo, birds, and a lovely small lake near the end of the loop.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 3.5 MILES



**SAUNTERING AND SOLOING**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH | 8:30 AM–12 PM**  
*Save Mount Diablo*  
 Hike Save Mount Diablo's beautiful Mangini Ranch Educational Preserve and connect with nature through a contemplative solo exercise amidst an oak woodland forest with beautiful vistas.  
**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES



**ALL THAT BEGIN WITH B AND BEYOND**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH | 9 AM–1 PM**  
*Save Mount Diablo*  
 Join us on Save Mount Diablo's stunning Curry Canyon Ranch on an exploration of all that begins with B and beyond of April—birds, bees, blooms, and more!  
**DIFFICULTY:** EASY  
**DISTANCE:** 3 MILES, 300' ELEV.



**WILDFLOWER HIKE—MITCHELL CANYON**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH | 9 AM–12 PM**  
*Mount Diablo State Park*  
 Enjoy a leisurely loop and beautiful spring blooms as we hike up Mitchell Canyon to Black Point Trail.  
**DIFFICULTY:** EASY  
**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 200' ELEV.  
**\*PARK FEE:** \$6



**JOINT MOUNT DIABLO BIRD ALLIANCE AND SAVE MOUNT DIABLO BIRDING WALK AT CURRY CANYON**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH | 7:30 AM–12 PM**  
*Save Mount Diablo*  
 Join us for a bird hike at Curry Canyon.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 4–5 MILES, 200' ELEV.

## MAY



**MITCHELL CANYON MEDICINAL HERB WALK**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH | 9 AM–11 AM**  
*Mount Diablo State Park*  
 Learn about the modern-day uses of the plants we see and discover some of the diversity that this abundant ecosystem holds.  
**DIFFICULTY:** EASY  
**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 200' ELEV.  
**\*PARK FEE:** \$6



**REPTILE RAMBLE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 6TH | 8:30 AM–12 PM**  
*Save Mount Diablo*  
 Come and join EBRPD Naturalist Kevin Dixon at Curry Canyon for an exciting reptile ramble in the hills of Mount Diablo.  
**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE  
**DISTANCE:** 4 MILES

For hike details and to RSVP, visit [Discover-Diablo.eventbrite.com](https://Discover-Diablo.eventbrite.com)

RSVP REQUIRED. EVENTS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ONE MONTH BEFORE EVENT DAY. GET MORE INFO ABOUT DISCOVER DIABLO AT [SAVEMOUNTDIABLO.ORG](https://SAVEMOUNTDIABLO.ORG)

## EXPLORATORY HIKE—DEL PUERTO CANYON

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH | 9 AM—1 PM

*Stanislaus County Parks*

Come join Save Mount Diablo on an exploration into the heart of the Diablo Range at Frank Raines Regional Park, Minniear Day Use Area.

**DIFFICULTY:** Strenuous

**DISTANCE:** 5 MILES, 1,000' ELEV.

## HIT THE TRAILS—MOUNTAIN BIKING

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH | 9 AM—12 PM

*Save Mount Diablo, Walnut Creek Open Space*

Come explore the beautiful trails and connectivity of Mangini Ranch and Lime Ridge Open Space via a mountain bike.

**DIFFICULTY:** BEGINNER/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 5–8 MILES, 1,500' ELEV.

## SMITH CANYON PROPERTY DEDICATION

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD | 9 AM—12 PM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Please join Save Mount Diablo for our Smith Canyon trail and property dedication.

**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 600' ELEV.

## JUNE

### ON BELAY—ROCK CLIMBING

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST | 9 AM—1 PM

*Mount Diablo State Park*

Come join Save Mount Diablo for a day of beginning rock-climbing instruction at Mount Diablo's classic Boy Scout Rocks.

**DIFFICULTY:** BEGINNER

**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 200' ELEV.

### PLEIN AIR PAINTING HIKE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH | 5 PM—8 PM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Join us for a beautiful evening of plein air painting at Save Mount Diablo's Mangini Ranch Educational Preserve.

**DIFFICULTY:** BEGINNER/ MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** TBD

### TRAIL STOMP—RUN WITH SAVE MOUNT DIABLO

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH | 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Join us for a trail run in Curry Canyon.

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**DISTANCE:** 5 MILES, 720' ELEV.

## JULY

### BEAT THE HEAT AND HIKE THE SUBURBAN INTERFACE IN WALNUT CREEK OPEN SPACE

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH | 7 AM—9 AM

*Walnut Creek Open Space*

Join us for a great hike in our backyard.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 3 MILES, 200' ELEV.

### BALANCE IN NATURE—YOGA AT CURRY CANYON RANCH

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH | 9 AM—11 AM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Join us for a relaxing yoga practice at the foot of Mount Diablo.

**DIFFICULTY:** BEGINNER

## AUGUST

### MANGINI RANCH MEDITATION HIKE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD | 7 AM—9 AM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Join us on a meditation journey through Mangini Ranch!

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 300' ELEV.

### HIT THE TRAILS—MOUNTAIN BIKING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH | 9 AM—12 PM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Come explore the beautiful trails from Smith Canyon into Mount Diablo's beautiful Curry Canyon via mountain bike.

**DIFFICULTY:** INTERMEDIATE

**DISTANCE:** 11 MILES, 2,500' ELEV.

### PLEIN AIR PAINTING HIKE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH | 5 PM—8 PM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Join us for a beautiful evening of plein air painting at Curry Canyon Ranch.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY

**DISTANCE:** TBD

## SEPTEMBER

### TARANTULA TREK FOR FAMILIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST | 6 PM—8:45 PM

*Mount Diablo State Park*

Find out if you have arachnophobia or fall in love with spiders as you are introduced to the gentle giants of Mount Diablo.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY

**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 300' ELEV.

\*PARK FEE: \$6

### TARANTULA TREK FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH | 5:30 PM—8:30 PM

*Mount Diablo State Park*

Find out if you have arachnophobia or fall in love with spiders as you are introduced to the gentle giants of Mount Diablo.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY

**DISTANCE:** 2 MILES, 300' ELEV.

\*PARK FEE: \$6

## OCTOBER

### BORGES RANCH FALL HIKE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH | 9 AM—12 PM

*Walnut Creek Open Space*

Come and enjoy the fall weather at Borges Ranch.

Stay after the hike and check out the old ranch buildings and farm animals.

**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 3 MILES, 500' ELEV.

### ON BELAY—ROCK CLIMBING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH | 9 AM—1 PM

*Mount Diablo State Park*

Come join Save Mount Diablo for a day of beginning rock-climbing instruction at Mount Diablo's Pine Canyon.

**DIFFICULTY:** BEGINNER

**DISTANCE:** 2–3 MILES, 300' ELEV.

### THE MORNING SIDE OF MOUNT DIABLO FROM MORGAN TERRITORY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH | 9 AM—12 PM

*East Bay Regional Park District*

We'll hike Bob Walker Ridge through native blue oak forests and enjoy a closeup view of the eastern side of Mount Diablo from the cliffs where prairie falcons nest in the spring.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 4 MILES, 450' ELEV.

### BLACK DIAMOND MINES HALLOWEEN HIKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH | 9 AM—12 PM

*East Bay Regional Park District*

Come celebrate Halloween on the trails of Black Diamond Mines; costumes are welcome! We'll climb to Rose Hill Cemetery and then loop back through territory where coal and sand were mined long ago.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 3 MILES, 638' ELEV.

## NOVEMBER

### PINE CREEK AND SURROUNDINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH | 9 AM—1 PM

*East Bay Regional Park District*

Hike through three adjacent parks for changing glimpses of Castle Rock, the sandstone formations above Pine Creek where peregrine falcons nest sometime between February 1 and July 31.

**DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE/ STRENUOUS

**DISTANCE:** 5.6 MILES, 550' ELEV.

### PLEIN AIR PAINTING HIKE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH | 1 PM—4 PM

*Save Mount Diablo*

Join us for a beautiful evening of plein air painting at Curry Canyon Ranch.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** TBD

## DECEMBER

### WINTER'S TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE OAK SAVANNA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST | 9 AM—12 PM

*Contra Costa Water District*

We'll venture out into the oak grasslands along the shoreline of Los Vaqueros Reservoir to see what winter brings to the land and marvel at the unique adaptations of the varied plants and animals that live there.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 3 MILES, 450' ELEV.

### BLUE OAK WOODLAND—VALES AND VISTAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH | 9 AM—12 PM

*Walnut Creek Open Space*

Join us for a lovely hike in the forest.

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**DISTANCE:** 3.3 MILES, 550' ELEV.

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*Thank you to the East Bay Regional Park District, California State Parks, Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation, National Park Service, Contra Costa Water District, and Stanislaus County Parks for maintaining these amazing open spaces for all to enjoy.*