



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 BUS TOUR
SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND | TIME 2 PM–4 PM
Concord Reuse Project
 Join us for a unique opportunity to explore the landscape and enjoy the views from the former Concord Naval Weapons Station.
DIFFICULTY: N/A
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

RSVP REQUIRED. EVENTS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ONE MONTH BEFORE EVENT DAY. GET MORE INFO ABOUT DISCOVER DIABLO AT 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 afternoon 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.