Many visitors to Mount Diablo head straight for the summit to enjoy the famous view. You can look to the west, beyond the Golden Gate Bridge, to the Farallon Islands; southeast to the James Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton at 4,213 feet; south to Mount Loma Prieta in the Santa Cruz Mountains at 3,791 feet; north to Mount Saint Helena in the Coast Range at 4,347 feet; and still farther north to Mount Lassen in the Cascades at 10,466 feet. North and east of Mount Diablo the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers meet to form the twisting waterways of the Delta. To the east beyond California’s great Central Valley, the crest of the Sierra Nevada seems to float in space.

POINTS OF INTEREST
Summit Visitor Center
Built in the late 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, this building was constructed of sandstone quarried from Fossil Ridge, Rock City. Remnants of ancient fossils can be found on this building.

The Fire Interpretive Trail
Just below the summit, this trail showcases the natural recovery process that is underway following a 6,000-acre fire in 1977. Some spectacular vistas can be enjoyed along the way. The first half of this gentle 0.7-mile trail is accessible to visitors in wheelchairs.

Rock City
You will find unusually large sandstone formations and small caves here.

Macedo Ranch Staging Area
This excellent staging area for equestrians, bicyclists and hikers is located on the western side of the park.

Mitchell Canyon Staging Area and Visitor Center
This is the main access point to trails on the mountain’s north side. From here you can hike to Deer Flat (3.7 miles) or all the way to the summit (6.8 miles). The visitor center is open on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the summer months, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during winter months.

Diablo Valley Overlook
From here, 2,900 feet above sea level, you can see the Golden Gate Bridge.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS
Park staff conduct guided hikes and other interpretive events. Publications of the park’s cultural and natural history and a detailed topographic hiking map are for sale in the park office, at entrance stations and at the visitor centers.
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Ticks
Ticks are found on Mt. Diablo. Check yourself and your children frequently.

Poison Oak
Poison oak can be identified by its leaves—they grow in groups of three and have gently lobed edges.

Maps not to scale.

NOTE: Mt. Diablo State Park has many trails, features, and fire roads that are not shown on this map. For a more complete map of the park, see the “Trail Map of Mt. Diablo State Park” or the Mount Diablo State Park brochure, both of which are available at the park business office, entrance stations, and visitor centers. Most land adjacent to the park is private property. Do not enter without the owner’s permission.

For emergencies call 911.