

# News Release



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## **MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK SET TO OPEN NEXT WEEK AFTER MORGAN FIRE CONTAINED**

After battling the Morgan Fire in Mount Diablo State Park since early Sunday afternoon, the fire is finally contained. With the fire suppressed, California State Parks and Cal-Fire have determined that many areas of the park are safe for visitors to return. A partial opening is anticipated for Monday September 16, 2013.

The blaze started in the Morgan Territory area and quickly scorched 3,200 acres. A total of 1,372 fire personnel were used to contain this fire.

Although the fire has been suppressed, the rehabilitation process will be ongoing. Park staff has already begun identifying hazards, inventorying damage to the natural and cultural resources to determine which areas of Mount Diablo State Park can be opened. With over 800,000 visitors a year to Mount Diablo State Park, officials are asking the public to have patience and do not enter closed areas while this process is taking place.

For more information on Mount Diablo State Park go to [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=517](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=517).

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