



# News Release



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**“Celebrate on the Mountain” - Mount Diablo State Park, April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of California State Parks and  
Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mount Diablo Interpretive Association

A two-day event celebrating “all things Mount Diablo” is scheduled for April 26 and 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Mount Diablo State Park. The “Celebrate on the Mountain” weekend is dedicated to creating memorable experiences for participants.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the park at five distinctive park locations, and engage in various activities, such as conducted hikes, demonstrations and interpretive presentations. Over 50 informational and activity booths from local organizations and agencies will be featured.

“Celebrate on the Mountain” is a joint event of California State Parks and its valued cooperating association partner, the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association. The event commemorates significant milestone anniversaries of each entity: the [150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of State Parks](#), and Mount Diablo Interpretive Association’s 40th year of service to the park.

The event is free to the public; a \$10 park entrance fee per vehicle is required. Visitors should come prepared for being out-of-doors. Due to severe drought conditions, everyone is advised to bring drinking water as it is not available in most of the park. Packing a picnic is also recommended. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase at the park’s Summit Visitor Center. For a schedule of activities see [www.mdia.org](http://www.mdia.org).

Although it is a relatively low mountain at 3,849 feet in elevation, Mount Diablo dominates the surrounding foothills. An unobstructed view of the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Valley can be enjoyed from its summit, and on clear days, the Sierra Nevada Mountains can be seen. Accessible by car, it is among the most spectacular vistas in California.

California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact Supervising Ranger Dan Stefanisko (925) 855-1730.

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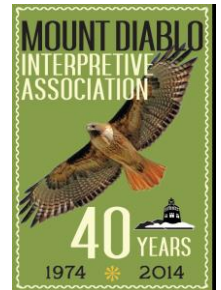
## About California State Parks

California Department of Parks and Recreation manages 280 park units, which contain the finest and most diverse collection of natural, cultural, and recreational resources to be found within California. Responsible for almost one-third of California's scenic coastline, the California State Park system includes 280 parks, beaches, trails, wildlife areas, open spaces, off-highway vehicle areas, and historic sites. It consists of approximately 1.59 million acres, including over 339 miles of coastline, 974 miles of lake, reservoir and river frontage, approximately 15,000 campsites and alternative camping facilities, and 4,456 miles of non-motorized trails. For more information, visit [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

## About Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA)

Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA) is an all-volunteer non-profit charitable organization that is dedicated to assisting California State Parks in the maintenance and interpretation of Mount Diablo State Park and serving the 700,000 visitors who visit it annually. With 40 years of service of providing education, sponsored activities and publications, MDIA fosters appreciation and the enlightened use of Mount Diablo State Park.

MDIA is proud to provide the resources necessary to keep the Summit Museum and Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center open throughout the year. Through the California State Park Volunteers in the Park Program, it assists park staff in the training and management of park docents, provides guided hikes, and conducts trail maintenance. MDIA produces the Park's publications, develops interpretive displays and recruits park volunteers.



MDIA's history includes developing visitor facilities, such as the Summit and Mitchell Canyon Visitor Centers; creating interpretive trails and displays; and hosting many educational programs. For more information about the dedicated service Mount Diablo Interpretive Association provides, visit <http://mdia.org/>.



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