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Mount Diablo Discovery Day on June 1, 2019

Discover the many stories and amazing places of Mount Diablo State Park

MOUNT DIABLO, Calif. — California State Parks invites the public to discover the wonders of Mount Diablo State Park on Saturday, June 1, during Mount Diablo Discovery Day. The event takes place at the Mount Diablo Lower Summit Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be information and activity booths showcasing the park's fascinating wildlife, history and ways to safely and responsibly enjoy the park. Discover the variety of wildlife that calls the park home, meet local birds of prey, learn how some of our volunteers roam the trails on horseback and see how astronomers view the heavens from the mountain's heights.

Volunteers will also be on hand at the Summit Visitor Center to answer questions as you step onto the viewing deck to take in the incredible views, which reach from the Sierra Nevada to the east and to San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge in the west.

For a more up-close look at Mount Diablo State Park, volunteers will lead hikes for all levels of ambition and ability. You can choose to take a short walk at the event or start your day by hiking to the activity area from another location on the mountain:

Mary Bowerman Trail Walk

Explore the changing plants, wildlife, temperatures and views as you circle the summit on this leisurely stroll. This trail is ADA-accessible for the first .2 miles. The full loop is .7 miles long with a gentle climb at the end. Park at the Lower Summit Lot. Hikes leave every 45 minutes starting at 10 a.m.

Juniper Trail Hike

Enjoy the contrasts and watch for soaring vultures as this hike takes you from shaded slopes to a chaparral-covered ridge. Choose from one of three hikes to the summit with a leader and return on your own after enjoying the event. The hike is 1.2 miles each way with an elevation gain of 760 feet. Park at the Diablo Valley Overlook Parking Lot, which is located at the entrance to Juniper Campground. Hikes leave at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Curry Point Hike

Catch amazing views and diverse habitats on this strenuous climb up to the Summit of Diablo from Curry Point. The hike is 8.2 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 2,500 feet. Park at the Curry Point parking lot. Hike leaves promptly at 9 a.m. A one-hour stop at the summit will allow you to enjoy the event before being guided back down. This hike is for fit and experienced hikers and not suitable for young children. Allow five hours.

Visiting Mount Diablo: Safety Tips

All hikers should be prepared with water and comfortable close-toed shoes suitable for walking on uneven ground. A hat and sunscreen are recommended. Updates and details about hikes and start times are available at the park's [website](#) or at www.mdia.org. State Parks encourages all visitors including drivers, bicyclists and equestrian riders on Mount Diablo to share the road and know the rules. Additional park safety tips can be found [here](#).

Getting to the Event

Vehicles may reach the Summit and hike locations via the North Gate entrance in Walnut Creek, or the South Gate entrance in Danville. There is no fee for the event but the usual day-use fee of \$10 per vehicle applies.

State Parks and the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association hope you will join us for Mount Diablo Discovery Day on June 1 to explore the mountain's many stories and make your own special memories of this amazing place.

This event is made possible by a collaboration between State Parks and the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association, a nonprofit organization that supports the park.

State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the park at **(925) 837-2525**, 711, TTY RELAY SERVICE

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About Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA)

MDIA is a nonprofit organization devoted to providing interpretive, scientific and educational experiences for visitors to Mount Diablo State Park. MDIA produces the park's publications, develops interpretive displays and provides volunteers to the park. MDIA's history includes

development of visitor facilities, such as the Summit and Mitchell Canyon Visitor Centers, creation of interpretive trails and displays, and hosting many educational programs.