



Spring on Diablo

May 29 - June 30, 2010

Event Schedule

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**May 29, Sat., 8-11:30 am
Shooting the Light
(East Bay Regional
Park District)**

Leader: Kevin Damstra
(510) 544-2750
Meet at Round Valley Staging Area, 19450 Marsh Creek Rd., Brentwood. Head east on Ygnacio Valley from I-680 in Walnut Creek, turn right on Clayton Rd. which becomes Marsh Creek Rd., Round Valley is on the right, 2 miles past Deer Valley Rd.
Reg. Req. 1-888-EBPARKS.
Grab your 'point and shoot' or SLR camera and search for the perfect shot as we explore the natural and cultural history of this valley nestled in the eastern foothills of Mount Diablo.



**May 30, Sun., 9-11am
Heritage Tree Hike on
Mangini Ranch (Save
Mount Diablo)**

Leader: David Ogden
davidogden@sbcglobal.net
(925) 947-3535
Meet: Trail head on Crystyl Ranch Dr. in Concord between Autumn Oak Cir. and Rolling Woods Way
Join Save Mount Diablo Stewardship Committee member David Ogden on a hike to choose a Heritage Tree on the magical Mangini Ranch. Closed to the public, the 207-acre property includes the headwaters of Galindo Creek with rolling grasslands covered in oaks, buckeyes, and the rare desert olive. Away from most signs of civilization, you can select one of Mangini's unique trees or groves to honor a special person or the memory of a loved one.

**Jun. 5, Sat., 8am-noon
Trails Challenge: Diablo
Foothills (East Bay
Regional Park District)**

Leader: Kevin Damstra
(510) 544-2750 Reg. Req.
Explore the rocky crags, rolling hills, and soaring raptors of the Mount Diablo foothills on this five-mile hike over varied terrain. Our route will follow the 2010 'Moderate' Trails Challenge hike and will involve some steep sections of trail.

**Jun. 5, Sat., 10-11:30am
Stingers, Fangs and
Venom. What Do You
Fear? (Los Vaqueros
Watershed)**

Meet at Los Vaqueros Visitor Center, 19 Walnut Blvd., Brentwood, CA 94513
(925) 240-2440
This is one of the Interpretive Center's most popular programs. Learn the facts about the sometimes maligned local fauna of Contra Costa County. How dangerous are Western Pacific Rattlesnakes, Black Widow Spiders, Scorpions and Tarantulas? Are these creatures really deadly? See living examples of the venomous and non-venomous creatures, and learn to tell the difference.

**Jun. 6, Sun., 9-11am
Nature Walk (Mount
Diablo Interpretive
Association)**

Leader: Gary Maneghin, Call Sue for information
(925) 673-3356
Meet at Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center, 96 Mitchell Canyon Rd., Clayton CA \$6 parking
Gary will talk about the wildlife in the park and lead you on a leisure stroll around the mouth of Mitchell Canyon. Bring water and sunscreen.

- Get Involved -

Save Mount Diablo has numerous opportunities for you to get outside and enjoy the 100,000 acres of preserved land on and around the Mountain. Below are a couple of outdoor activities you should think about getting involved in, contact George for more information at (925) 947-3535

Leading Hikes

SMD will be putting on a Hike Leader workshop in September - all experience levels welcome

Diablo Restoration Team

SMD acquires land then turns it over to park agencies. Before that happens, volunteers do clean-up, fence building, trail construction, planting, watering, creek clean-ups, non-native plant removal, and other work projects. (see scheduled dates on reverse side)

**Jun. 6, Sun., 9am-noon
Diablo Restoration Team
Watering at Marsh Creek IV
(Save Mount Diablo)**

Meet at 3240 Aspara Dr., Clayton CA, 94517
Enjoy the peace and tranquility of Marsh Creek while watering native plants and pulling weeds at our Marsh Creek IV native plant restoration project. Last year, DiRT volunteers planted 500 native plants but we need your help weeding and watering to make sure the project is a success. We'll be carrying 1 gal. jugs of water (8 lbs) to each of the planting sites walking on uneven ground so wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Bring water, sun protection and a hand trowel if you have one, we'll provide gloves. Watch how your help aids the transformation of a non-native weed-infested stream bank back to its natural state! RSVP to George, (925) 947-3535

**Jun. 10, Thu., 9am-1pm
Diablo Restoration
Team Watering Oaks
and Buckeyes at Irish
Canyon**

RSVP to George Phillips
(925) 947-3535
Meet at the Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Rd. Head east on Ygnacio Valley Rd. from I-680 and turn right on Clayton Rd. Library is on the left just past the Police Station
We need help watering Valley Oaks and California Buckeyes at Save Mount Diablo's Irish Canyon property - a 320 acre parcel east of Clayton that is not open to the public. Three sites on the property were planted with acorns and Buckeye seeds in February and it is crucial that we help them take root by watering and weeding. We'll be carrying 1-3 gallon jugs from a water tank to each of the individual planting sites on a sun exposed hillside with some steep sections. Bring water and sun protection - wear boots and long pants to keep stickers out of your shoes. Offset your carbon footprint by helping these trees get established!

**Jun. 11, Fri., 1-3pm
Natures Afternoon
(East Bay Regional
Park District)**

Location: Contra Loma Regional Park \$5 parking
Leader: Kevin Damstra
(510) 544-2750
Meet at Contra Loma Regional Park, from Highway 4 in Antioch, exit on Lone Tree Way, go right on Golf Course Road and right on Frederickson Lane to the park. Join us Friday afternoon as we discover the natural world of Contra Loma Reservoir. This week we will explore predators and their prey through crafts and eco-adventures in this special preserve.

**Jun. 12, Sat., 11am-4pm
Heritage Day at Borges
Ranch (Walnut
Creek Open Space
Foundation)**

Location: Walnut Creek Open Space - Borges Ranch
Meet at Northgate High School. Head east on Ygnacio Valley Rd. from downtown Walnut Creek, turn right on Oak Grove Rd. at the roundabout take the second right on Castle Rock Rd., the school is on the right. Walnut Creek history comes alive as the city celebrates Heritage Day! Catch the shuttle at the Northgate High School Parking lot to visit the celebration. A fee of \$ 5.00 per family is charged for the shuttle ride.



**Jun. 12, Sat., 10am-12:30pm
Sleuthing Animal Signs!
(East Bay Regional Park
District)**

Leader: Kevin Damstra
(510) 544-2750
Meet at Somersville Townsite, south end of Somersville Rd., Antioch. Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve (\$5 parking) Become an animal detective! We will search out clues to discover which animals live here, what they do when we're not looking, and even craft a clue to take home!

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Jun. 12, Sat., 9:30am-1:30pm

Beautiful Black Diamond (Greenbelt Alliance)

Reservations required, www.greenbelt.org or (415) 543-6771

Join Greenbelt Alliance for a special day in Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. We'll take a guided underground tour of the Hazel Atlas mine and then walk to the historic Rose Hill Cemetery. We'll also hear about Greenbelt Alliance local campaigns.

Jun. 13, Sun., 8-11 am
Summers Gold (East Bay Regional Park District)

Leader: Outdoor Ed (510) 544-2750

Meet at Round Valley Staging Area, 19450 Marsh Creek Rd., Brentwood. Head east on Ygnacio Valley from I-680 in Walnut Creek, turn right on Clayton Rd. which becomes Marsh Creek Rd., Round Valley is on the right, 2 miles past Deer Valley Rd. Golden sunshine, golden hills, golden eagles, golden views. We'll seek out the treasures of the season on this hearty and hilly four-mile hike.

Jun. 13, Sun., 9am-noon
Lime Ridge Hike (City of Walnut Creek)

Leader: Ranger Janke (925) 930-7731

Head east on Ygnacio Valley Rd. from I-680 in Walnut Creek, turn right on Montecito Dr., staging area is on the right. Put on your good hiking boots, grab a water bottle, a snack and a hat, because we're going on a hike. Ranger Art Janke will lead the hike through oak woodlands, grasslands, and inland scrub habitats that are the home of a great variety of animals. No reservation is necessary RAIN CANCELS.

Jun. 13, Sun., 10am-noon
Summer Pond Exploration (Los Vaqueros Watershed)

Meet at the Interpretative Center. 19 Walnut Blvd., Brentwood, 94513 (925) 240-2440
Spend a fun summer morning starting at the Interpretive Center and meandering down to the pond with nets and magnifying glasses to explore what lives there! Bring water, a hat and sunscreen.

Jun. 18, Fri., 1-3pm
Natures Afternoon (East Bay Regional Park District)

Location: Contra Loma Regional Park \$5 parking
Leader: Kevin Damstra (510) 544-2750
Meet at Contra Loma, from Highway 4 in Antioch, exit on Lone Tree Way, go right on Golf Course Road and right on Frederickson Lane to the park. Join us Friday afternoon as we discover the natural world of Contra Loma. This week we will explore the Reservoir's hidden treasures through crafts and eco-adventures.

Jun. 19, Sat., 9-11am
Heritage Tree Hike on Mangini Ranch (Save Mount Diablo)

Leader: David Ogden davidogden@sbcglobal.net (925) 947-3535
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Jun. 20, Sun., 9am-noon
Diablo Restoration Team Workday at Marsh Creek IV (Save Mount Diablo)

Meet at 3240 Aspara Dr, Clayton CA, 94517
Enjoy the peace and tranquility of Marsh Creek while watering native plants and pulling weeds at our Marsh Creek IV native plant restoration project. Last year, DiRT volunteers planted fourteen different species - in total over 500 native plants - but we need your help weeding and watering to make sure the project a success. We'll be carrying 1 gal. jugs (8 lbs) to each of the planting sites walking on uneven ground so wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Bring water, sun protection and a hand trowel if you have one, we'll provide gloves. Experience the transformation of a stream bank from an overgrown non-native weed field back to its natural state! RSVP to George, (925) 947-3535

Jun. 20, Sun., 9-11am
Nature Walk (Mount Diablo Interpretive Association)

Leader: a docent from MDIA will lead the walk, more info at 925-673-3356
Meet at Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center, 96 Mitchell Canyon Rd, Head east on Ygnacio from I-680 and turn right on Clayton Rd. then turn right on Mitchell Canyon - \$6 parking
A Docent lead walk will leave from the Visitor Center Please bring water and sunscreen. Leisure hike on one of Diablo's beautiful trails.

Jun. 25, Fri., 1-3pm
Natures Afternoon (East Bay Regional Park District)

Location: Contra Loma Regional Park \$5 parking
Leader: Kevin Damstra (510) 544-2750
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Jun. 26, Sat., 8:30am-1pm
Little Yosemite - Pine Canyon Loop Hike (Sierra Club)

Leader: Helene Crowley (415) 974-2209
Meet at Macedo Ranch (\$6 parking), take Hwy 680 to the Stone Valley exit going east. About 2+ miles to Green Valley Road (stop sign). Left on GVR ~ 1 mile to the staging area at end of the road
Beautiful 7 mile loop through rolling pastures, shaded forest, abundant wildflowers. Cosponsored by Sierra Club/ Mount Diablo Group. Any rain cancels. Bring: Layers, fluids, lunch/snack, sunscreen, trekking poles.

Jun. 26, Sat., 10:00am-12:30pm
Walnut Creek Regional Trails Hike (Diablo Group Sierra Club)

Leader: Janess Hanson, (925) 458-0860
Meet at Heather Farms, terminal parking lot on right near restrooms. East on Ygnacio from I-680, left on North San Carlos Dr. after John Muir Hospital.
Leisurely walk exploring a few Central County's regional trails, mostly on paved trails, optional refreshment stop after hike.



Jun. 26, Sat., 8-10pm
Nighttime Discovery Hike - Los Vaqueros Watershed

Meet at the Interpretive Center, 19 Walnut Blvd., Brentwood, CA 94513. Go east on CA-4, take Bypass Rd. then turn Right on Walnut Blvd. in Brentwood
Reservations are required (925) 688-8010
This is a new program that is put on by the Los Vaqueros Interpretive Center! Take a moonlit hike along Kellogg Creek. Find out which creatures come out at night, who rules the night skies, and who rules the hillsides and the valleys. Bring a flashlight and dress appropriately for the weather with closed toe shoes. at 8 p.m. for an introduction.

Jun. 30, Thu., 9am-1pm
Diablo Restoration Team Workday at Irish Canyon Watering Oaks and Buckeyes

Leader: George Phillips (925) 947-3535
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Diablo Restoration Team Summer Workdays

RSVP (925) 947-3535

Marsh Creek IV Native Plant Restoration - Watering and Weeding:

Where: 3240 Aspara Dr., Clayton CA, 94517

What: Watering native plants by hand and some weeding

When:
Sun, June 6th 9am - noon
Sun, June 20th 9am - noon
Sun, July 11th 9am - noon
Sat, July 31st 9am - noon

Irish Canyon Oak and Buckeye Restoration - Watering and Weeding:

Where: Meet at Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Rd., Clayton 94517

What: Watering Oaks and Buckeyes and some weeding

When:
Thu, Jun 10th 9am - 1pm
Wed, Jun 30th 9am - 1pm
Thu, Jul 22nd 9am - 1pm
Thu, Aug 12th 9am - 1pm



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