



Spring on Diablo

October 10 - December 7, 2009

Event Schedule

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Oct. 10, 10 am to 5 pm
75 Years of Preservation
 (EBRPD)

Location: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
 Meet: Parking lot at the south end of Somersville Road in Antioch
 Description: Seventy-five years ago a monument was placed in the Rose Hill Cemetery honoring the pioneers of the Mt. Diablo Coal Field. Join us as we recreate this historic event and celebrate 75 years of East Bay Regional Parks. We will have a mine Open House from 10:00am to noon and again from 3:00 to 5:00. The 75th anniversary celebration will take place in the Rose Hill Cemetery from 1:30 to 3:00pm.
 For more information visit <http://www.ebparks.org/activities>

Oct. 11, 1 pm
Fire Defensible Spaces in a Grassland Neighborhood
 (City of Walnut Creek)

Location: Borges Ranch Barn in Shell Ridge
 Each year the Open Space Division spends of \$25,000 to create firebreaks around the Open Space sites to help protect our neighbors from grassland fires. Staff will discuss the Open Space Division's Actions and share ideas on what adjacent homeowners can do to help protect their property.
 Reservations are required. Please call Supervisor Ranger Nancy Dawson Collard at (925) 943-5899 ext. 2135 for more info and to register.

Oct. 17, 8 am to 10 am
Beginning Birding
 – **Raptor Watch** (City of Walnut Creek)

Location: Lime Ridge Open Space
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turn north of Oak Grove Rd, right on Citrus, right on Perada, left on Rock Oak Rd. Continue to the end of Rock Oak Rd. The Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation works to preserve and enhance Walnut Creek's nearly 3000 acres of open space and to educate area residents so that they can enjoy this wonderful resource.
 For information visit <http://www.wcosf.org/activities/calendar.shtml>

Group Camp to begin this rugged five-mile hike. For more information visit <http://www.ebparks.org/activities>

Sat., Oct. 24, 9 am
Wonderful Views of Mt. Diablo and the History of Morgan Territory Hike
SMD's Wright Canyon (SMD)

Leader: Dick Heron (925) 719-1863 or herondick@comcast.net
 Meet: Clayton Library
 Join Dick Heron, member

with special significance for the family. The property is not open to the public and this hike gives you a special opportunity to experience a hidden area of Morgan Territory during the spring wildflower season. www.savemountdiablo.org

Sun. Oct. 25, 9 am
Hike on Save Mount Diablo's Mangini Ranch property (SMD)

Location: Save Mount Diablo's Mangini Ranch Property in Concord
 Meet: Trail head on Crystyl Ranch Dr. in Concord between Autumn Oak Circle and Rolling Woods Way
 Description: Join Save Mount Diablo Stewardship Committee member David Ogden on an autumn hike through spectacular Mangini Ranch. Normally closed to the public, the 207-acre property includes the headwaters of Galindo Creek with rolling grasslands covered in oaks, buckeyes, and a rare desert olive grove. Visit a secret spring and keep your eyes out for bobcats and coyotes looking for breakfast, plus burrowing owls, quail, and many other feathered friends. This is a two-hour hike with one strenuous climb with an elevation gain of about 800 feet.

Oct. 25, 9 am to 11:30 am
Flaming Ecology
 (EBRPD)

Location: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
 Leader: Eddie Willis
 Meet: Parking lot at the south end of Somersville



2009 Four Days Diablo Hikers (Scott Hein)

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Oct 17, 8:30 am
Watering Oak Seelings in Lime Ridge - Support Native Species (Walnut Creek Open Space Fnd.)
 Meet: Rock Oak Rd.
 From Ygnacio Valley Rd

Oct. 18, 8 am to Noon
Oil Canyon Odyssey
 (EBRPD)

Location: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
 Leader: Eddie Willis
 Meet: Parking lot at the south end of Somersville Road in Antioch
 Description: Secluded valleys, serene vistas, and tales of "black gold" beckon us to the park's remote east end. We'll convoy to Star Mine

of SMD's Stewardship Committee, for a hike of our Wright Canyon property. This 76-acre property was a key location for Morgan Territory's rich history of offers wonderful views of Mt. Diablo's peaks – the summit, North Peak, Windy Point, and Oyster Point. SMD recently dedicated a monument to the Wright family at the "gathering place" – a place on the property



Road in Antioch
 Description: Both creator and destroyer, fire is essential to healthy ecosystems. Learn about this “hot” issue and its effects as we hike two moderate miles of Manhattan Canyon and Chaparral Loop. For more information visit <http://www.ebparks.org/activities>

**Oct. 25, 3 pm to 4:30 pm
 Tarantula Trek (EBRPD)**

Leader: Eddie Willis
 Location: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
 Meet: Parking lot at the south end of Somersville Road in Antioch
 Description: They’re big, they’re fuzzy, and often times clumsy! Our eight-legged residents are prowling the park... for love! Let’s search for their funny, yet misunderstood, antics on an easy walk. For more information visit <http://www.ebparks.org/activities>

**Oct. 25, 11 am to 4 pm
 Howe Homestead Harvest Festival (City of Walnut Creek)**
 Location: Howe

Homestead Park
 The Howe Harvest Festival combines a celebration of the life of James Pomeroy Howe with a variety of old-fashioned Harvest and Halloween activities for families. This year’s activities include pumpkin carving, crafts, games, storytelling and scarecrow making. Visitors can also venture in the “Spooky Maze” or take a stroll in the Community Garden. For more information, contact Ranger Art Janke (925) 943-5899 ext. 3521. Howe Homestead Park is located at 2950 Walnut Blvd.



**Oct. 31, 1 pm to 4 pm
 Halloween on Hollow Hills (EBRPD)**

Location: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
 Meet: Parking lot at the south end of Somersville Road in Antioch
 Description: Have a frighteningly good time at our festive event. Games, crafts, scavenger hunts and much more will give you a chance to explore the history of these hills and to meet some of the park’s creepiest critters! For more information

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**Sun., Nov. 1, 9am
 Hike SMD’s Young Canyon – Discover a Remote Area of the Mountain (SMD)**

Location: SMD’s Young Canyon Property in Clayton adjacent to Mt Diablo State Park
 Leader: Dick at (925) 719-1863 or herondick@comcast.net
 Meet: Clayton Library
 Join SMD Steward Burt Bogardus on this moderate hike to admire wildflowers on the serpentine meadow at Young Canyon. The 18-acre Young Canyon property is one of Save Mount Diablo’s smaller properties but offers an opportunity to experience a part of the mountain that is normally not easily accessible. Burt Bogardus was once a ranger at Mt. Diablo State Park and has a vast depth of knowledge about the park and the mountain. This is a special opportunity to enjoy an area that is not yet open to the public.
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**Sat., Nov. 7, 9:30am
 Discover Hidden Valley and See What’s New in the Tassajara Valley (SMD)**

Location: Hidden Valley Open Space
 Leader: Seth Adams (925) 947-3535
 Meet: Hiker gate across from 2187 Longleaf Circle
 Hidden Valley open Space is amazing! A tilted, 1,000 acre grassland bowl at the northwest corner of Windemere development in San Ramon, the Open Space and its creeks drain into Hidden Valley Park. This hike offers spectacular views of Mount Diablo and the Tassajara valley. Join us to discover this brand new open space and learn about some of the projects that are threatening the Tassajara valley.
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**Nov. 7, 10 am
 Why is That Bear on Our**

Flag? (City of Walnut Creek)

Location: Shell Ridge
 Meet: Upper Borges ranch parking lot by the windmill.
 Join Ranger Dan Bylin on a 1.5 mile hike as we explore the old hunting grounds of the California grizzly bear. The California grizzly was at one time the most dominant creature found in the state, but vanished forever in the early 1900’s. Learn how this bear once ruled the landscape, but then quickly disappeared forever. We will discuss the grizzlies’ habits and how different California cultures dealt with their presence. Come along with us as we hike under 300 year old oak trees that experienced grizzlies foraging under their canopies. Please bring water, a hat, and sturdy hiking shoes. Rain will cancel.
 RSVP not required unless you are bringing a group of five or more. For more info call Ranger Dan Bylin at (925) 943-5899 ext. 2162.

Nov. 7, 2 pm



Blacksmithing at Old Borges Forge (City of Walnut Creek)

Location: Old Borges Ranch
 Return to the Middle Ages! Medieval blacksmiths made armor, weapons, household items, tools, and much more while incorporating artistry in every hammer strike. Here’s your chance to use the same centuries-old techniques. Bang on some hot iron and make a simple hook or just come by and watch others.
 RSVP not required.
 Material fee of \$2/person.
 Register by calling Ranger Bruce Weidman at (925) 943-5899 ext. 2665.

**Sat., November 21, 9am
 Hike SMD’s Joseph Galvin Ranch property – Spectacular Views with a Serene Creek Ambiance (SMD)**

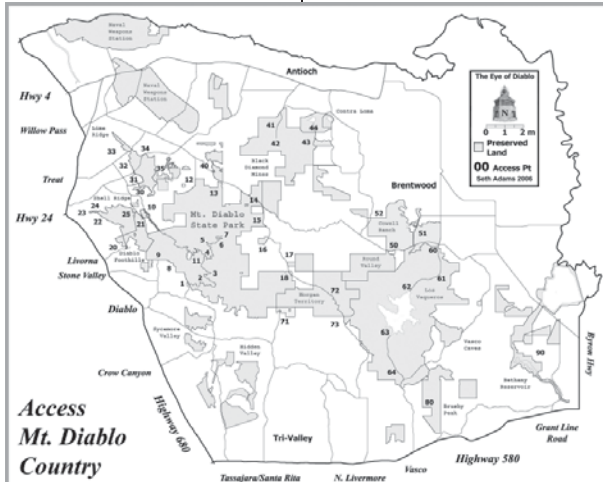
Leader: Brad Heckman at 925-597-1025 or brad@bradheckman.com
 Meet: Clayton Library
 Join SMD Stewardship Committee Member Brad Heckman on this hike of our Galvin Ranch property. SMD’s 62-acre Galvin Ranch property is covered in beautiful woodland and chaparral as it rises from Morgan Territory Rd and Marsh Creek, which crosses the property. The property includes a canyon with views west toward Mt. Diablo State Park. Come and enjoy sweeping views of this beautiful and diverse landscape along with varied wildflowers, a fern grotto and several endemic plants.
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**Sun., Dec. 6, 9:30 am
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