

MOUNT DIABLO REVIEW



Spring 2005

Mt. Diablo Wildflowers

An isolated peak in the middle of California, Mt. Diablo has its own unique flora. Over time, this has resulted in a diverse mixture of plants, some of which are found only on Mt. Diablo. Many plants have their southern or northern-most limits here. Beautiful and unique wildflowers are abundant in this environment. Identifying these wildflowers can be a challenge. MDIA to the rescue with a just published guide entitled Mt. Diablo Wildflowers. The guide contains 103 wildflowers in 65 pages.

The aim of this guide is to give the reader a tool for use in identifying some of the more showy wildflowers on the mountain. To make the guide easy to use, it is first divided into the following color groups: White, Yellow/Orange, Red/Pink, and Blue/Violet. Plant family then categorizes each color group.

Accompanying each photograph is a brief description of the flower, giving details of location, identification and/or cultural information. Look at the flower diagrams and mini-glossary of terms in the back of the guide for more clarification.

Please note that much of the information in this guide comes from a previous MDIA wildflower brochure and other great sources on plants. For those who would like to learn more about Mt. Diablo's flora, refer to the bibliography at the end of the guide. These books will give the reader more in-depth information about the amazing flora of Mt. Diablo.



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Exploring the History of Mt. Diablo

BY STEVE ELLIOTT

Steve Elliott is a docent at Mt. Diablo State Park and an experienced tour guide.

Excited laughter and shouts of glee echo off the rocky outcrops of Mt. Diablo's Wind Caves as kids scurry from one cave to the next, oblivious to the history all around. Little do they know that the squeals of Miwok Indian children echoed in this same spot a thousand years before.

Best known as a towering East Bay nature sanctuary, Mt. Diablo is home to intriguing history as well. Ancient Indian cultures, Spanish explorers, Mexican soldiers, miners, and a century of ranchers have all shared this place.

Indian Lore

The first stop on a tour of the history of Mt. Diablo should be the Summit Visitors Center. Besides being the "highest museum" in the Bay Area (at 3,849 feet above sea level), and perhaps the most compact, the museum well chronicles the geological and cultural history of Mt. Diablo. Among the displays is one devoted to Bay Area Indians.

Native people have lived within sight of Mt. Diablo for at least 5,000 years. The mountain was in the territory of the Bay Miwok Indians. A tribe within the Bay Miwoks, the Volvons, spent much time on the oak-covered hills of the mountain. As food gatherers, the Volvons found the area, now known as Rock City, a great source of nuts, grains and berries on which to subsist.

The most obvious legacy of the Volvons are the many grinding holes they left behind. Using a crude pestle, these indentions in rocky outcrops were used to smash

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Save Mount Diablo generously publishes the "Events Schedule" which includes hikes in Mount Diablo State Park. This schedule may be found on-line at www.savemountdiablo.com or via a link at www.mdia.org. It can also be obtained at various locations in the park.

nuts, such as acorns, into a fine powder. This powder was then mixed with water to create a paste or cooked into cakes. Generally the size of a small mixing bowl and no deeper than a coffee can, these holes can be found on large rocks near caves, water sources and places where the natives may have camped.



Steve Elliott near grinding holes

The grinding holes at Mt. Diablo range in age from several hundred to a thousand years old. The most accessible specimens are in the Rock City and Live Oak Areas of the Park.

A Trail Through Time

The Indian grinding holes are one stop on Mt. Diablo's new Trail Through Time. Being completed in 2005, this new trail stretches from the Park's southern boundary to the summit. It will include about twenty interpretive displays stationed at key points of geological and cultural interest. Many of the display panels are already in place.

The trail primarily showcases the geological evolution of Mt. Diablo. It also weaves in tidbits of it's human history, such as the story of the Indians and the Park's early days.

Craig Lyon, one of the curators of the Trail Through Time, suggests visitors explore at least a portion of the trail. "Panels on the Trail Through Time tell the story of the mountain's dramatic rise and provide a timeline of geological development."

Blackhawk Quarry

The Trail Through Time provides an introduction to treasures like the Blackhawk Quarry. Unknown to many people, the Blackhawk Quarry is one of the richest mammal bone beds in the United States, second only to the La Brea Tar Pits in Los

Angeles.

Supervised by the University of California, the Quarry is on private property at the edge of the Park. It has yielded bones of 7 to 12 million-year-old horses, camels, rhinos and mastodons. A display at the Summit Visitors Center includes some bone and fossil specimens from the Quarry and other sites around the Park.

CCC at Mt. Diablo

One particularly interesting part of Mt. Diablo's history is the role the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) played in the Park's development. A depression era public works program, the CCC built park roads, hiking trails, ranger residences, maintenance buildings, campground and picnic facilities...and most prominently, the Summit Building during the 1930's. Subsequently adopted in the many California State Parks that followed Mt. Diablo, the CCC initiated "rustic park architecture" became the standard for State Park System.

Carl Nielson, a senior ranger at the Park, encourages visitors to explore this CCC history. "The Summit Building was built using stone quarried in the Park and emphasizes how man-made structures can tie into their natural surroundings." Nielson further noted: "Another interesting point about the Summit Building is that it is essentially geological display as well. The rock used in it contains fossils of sea creatures that are millions of years old."

Also, while at the Summit, you might ask about the survey marker and beacon. The survey marker commemorates Mt. Diablo was the starting point for the first

survey of the Western United States (1851). Now located on top of the Summit Building, the beacon, used in the early days of night aviation, was turned on by Charles Lindbergh in 1928.

The Ranching Days

There are many old ranch sites within the Park. Acquired over the years as extensions to the original Park land, these ranches date from the mid to late 1800's. All are marked on the Park map and make a nice destination hike (or a stop on a scenic drive in a couple of cases). They include: the John Donner Cabin Site (1880) in Donner Canyon (no, not related to the ill fated Donner Party); the Olofson Homestead (1886) in Mitchell Canyon; Macedo Ranch (1909) at the end of Green Valley Road; Green Ranch (1938) about mid mountain; and, Turtle Rock Ranch (1952) on North Gate Road.

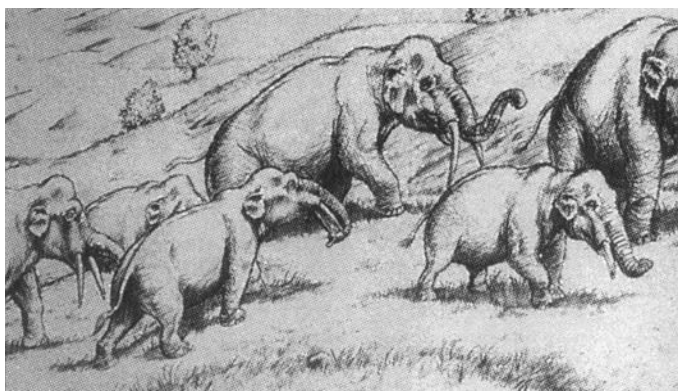
Varying in degree of remaining structures and accessibility, each ranch tells its own history of a pioneering family or early homesteading. For example, Turtle Rock Ranch, named for a large nearby rock formation, was originally part of one of the earliest Mexican land grants, the 1834 Rancho Miguel.

While most of the remnants are gone, some relics still dot the Park's trails. For example, there is an old water storage tank just above the Mitchell Canyon Staging Area. Elsewhere, you will run into old horse troughs and the like.

more on Ranching, see following story

John Muir Slept Here

Among the favorite Mt. Diablo stories is that of the Mountain House Hotel. Built in 1874, at the convergence of roads from two sides of the mountain, the Mountain House was the darling of a fledging tourist business on the mountain. Operating for about 15 years, Mountain House was quite popular for weddings, christenings



and other special celebrations. The Hotel's twice-a-day horse-drawn carriages brought many distinguished guests for a night or two stay.

Having closed in 1895 and burned down in 1901, the remains are long gone, but the interpretive panel at the site is worth a stop. It is accessed by a short, easy walk up a trail just across from the present Junction Rangers Station. Please note that the location is now a park supply area and you have to close your eyes to picture John Muir standing on the porch, as he once did.

Mayday, Mayday!

Perhaps the most unusual historical site on Mt. Diablo is an old airplane wreck. On April 8, 1946, a U.S. Army Air Corps twin engine transport plane crashed in clouds and fog at about 3,000 feet up the mountain.

Today, portions of the aircraft still remain. Located near Ransom Point, it is quite a hike to get near the site. It is now completely covered with a canopy of thick foliage and is virtually impossible to find. Nonetheless, it is fun to explore the Park looking for such historical sites.

Moonshiners

Among its colorful past, Mt. Diablo was a favorite spot for moonshiners in the 1920's and 1930's. Chronicled in her book, The Morning Side of Mount Diablo, Anne Marshall Homan tells it this way: "During Prohibition years, many hardscrabble ranchers in the Black Hills (of Mt. Diablo) - always strapped for ready cash - set up stills and secretly made liquor besides their traditional wine."

One such spot, named by the local residents "Jackass Canyon" makes for interesting exploration. Jackass is slang for whiskey (because it allegedly had a bite like a mule and a kick like a horse). On the Park map, but challenging to get to, the history of Jackass Canyon has slowly been uncovered through periodic finds of distilling equipment. Who knows what you might stumble over.

While Mt. Diablo is blessed with interesting geology and wildlife, it has some intriguing history to explore as well. For more information about the Park's history, go to the Summit Visitors Center or purchase the Mt. Diablo Guide (available at Park locations or on the internet at mdia.org).



Have you seen the new Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center?

For the last five years, the Mitchell Canyon staging area for the main entrance to the north side of Mount Diablo has had the Mitchell Canyon Interpretive Center operating as a source of information for the visiting public. It was a small modular trailer owned and operated by the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA). In August 2004, it was replaced by a 12 by 40-foot modular building purchased with state funds through the Department of Parks and Recreation. Now called the Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center, the MDIA is still operating it on Saturdays, Sundays, and some holidays.

The increased space has allowed more wall space for natural history displays and visitor information flyers and brochures, as well as an improved area for a visitor reference library.

Larger floor space and a more efficient heating/cooling system provide a much-improved atmosphere for the MDIA volunteer docents that operate the Center, as well as the visiting public.

Make your next visit to Mount Diablo through Mitchell Canyon and be sure to stop in and browse through the new Visitor Center. From March 1 to November 1 it is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM November 1 to March 1.

Craig Lyon

THE GREEN RANCH

BY DEBORAH GREEN SEYMOUR

Diablo was my mother's place — a place where she rode her horse, walked the trails, and where at times her spirit was renewed.

We all called it "Diablo". It was also known as "The Green Ranch" although officially its title was "Greenhill Ranch". It wasn't really a ranch, just a small piece of land on the south side of Mt. Diablo stretching from the Blackhawk Ranch northern boundary up to 9/10 of a mile from the summit.

My mother was born on a ranch, Rancho Los Alamitos, outside of Long Beach, California. From the time she could walk, she was on a horse, and as she grew older, she participated in various cattle ranching activities. Throughout her life riding was important to her and she was known as an expert horsewoman.

When my parents decided to look for a place in the country not too far from our home in Berkeley, a place where my mother could keep horses and find riding trails, they found it on Mt. Diablo. Originally part of a Spanish land grant the 180 acres was purchased in 1938 from the Garcia brothers, who had given up trying to raise cattle in the property.

My parents hired an old college friend, William Wurster, later Dean of the Architecture Department at U. C. Berkeley, to design a house for the ranch. Then they hired Mr. Appleby, a contractor, to build the house. He lived in a tent on the property during the months it took to complete the building. He built the swimming pool first, then the house. The house when finished went on to win several architectural awards for Mr. Wurster's firm.

The first time I went to Diablo I was six years old. I had never driven on a winding mountain road and became so car-sick I had to be laid out on top of a picnic table at Pioneer Camp and sloshed with spring water before I

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Superintendent's Column

This summer major road repair work is scheduled for the park that will impact Northgate, Southgate and Summit roads. This 4.4 million dollar project calls for a complete repaving of Summit Road and repairs to segments of Northgate and Southgate roads. All three roads will be closed at different times this summer. We will make every effort to keep the public informed as to where and when the roads will be closed. Thank you in advance for your patience as we accomplish these critical repairs.

During this summer's closure of Summit Road, the park staff will take advantage of the closure to implement changes to the Summit Visitor Center. We are hoping to rearrange the interpretive displays, relocate the sales counter, add new interpretive displays, and add to the services we offer our park visitors. We will put out a news release announcing these new changes with the reopening of the Visitor Center and Summit Road.

On a personal note, after thirty-eight

years with State Parks, I will be retiring this June. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts and contributions of our volunteers to Mount Diablo State Park. During my career I have had the opportunity to work throughout California, from the Sonoma-Mendocino coast, to the Sierras, to the mountain and coastal parks of southern California, and nowhere have I met a more dedicated group of volunteers. I have awarded more Poppy Awards here for contributions to State Parks than at any other location where I have worked. The trail crew under Sue Schwartz's guidance, the Trash Removal Project stalwarts, and the volunteers at the Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center, all have contributed immensely to the park's facilities, resources and service to the public.

Finally, I would like to recognize the dedication of the Mount Diablo park staff. Throughout my career I have had the privilege of working with dedicated people who are passionate about parks, and

the Mount Diablo staff has been exemplary in exhibiting these qualities. This combination of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers and staff has made my final assignment very rewarding. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the park for your efforts. You are what make working for State Parks so special.

Brian Hickey,
Bay Sector Superintendent



Dogs are allowed in many East Bay Regional Parks because...

A recent article in the fall [Mount Diablo Review](#) (Dogs are not allowed in the backcountry of Mt. Diablo because...) provided reasons for the State Parks dog prohibition, and referred dog owners to a number of East Bay Regional parks that do allow dog use. While we appreciate the referral, we would like to point out that our dog policy should not be interpreted as a lack of concern for natural resources; in fact dog access is strictly regulated in the East Bay Regional Park District.

Like bicyclists and equestrians, we recognize that dog owners are an important and significant user group, and we want to accommodate those who are willing to be responsible and help us minimize their impacts. A well trained dog provides a sense of security, comfort and companionship for many park users who would sim-

ply avoid places where their "best friend" isn't welcome.

Although dogs are allowed off leash in many undeveloped areas, the owner must have a leash available and keep the dog under control at all times. A dog is considered under control when the owner is fully aware of its conduct, and it returns to the owner when called. Dogs are not allowed to interfere with, bother, or harass park users, other animals, or wildlife. Even though leashes are not always required, they are strongly advised to protect dogs and their owners from rattlesnakes, ticks, foxtails and poison oak.

Dog owners are also required to immediately bag their dog's feces, to deposit it in a trash container or remove it from the park. Owners are legally responsible for

their dog's behavior. Park Rangers monitor dog use closely and Park Police can issue citations for any violations of the District's ordinances.

While it is always a challenge to balance public recreation and resource protection, the presence of abundant wildlife in the open spaces of the East Bay Regional Park District would suggest that the two are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Dog owners can contact the District directly for more specific information regarding dog access at: 510-635-0135, or visit our website at: www.ebparcs.org

Laura Comstock, Manager
Interpretive Parklands Unit
East Bay Regional Park District

Camping At Mount Diablo State Park

Nightly Rates

In- Season	May 15 - September 15	\$19.00
Off- Season	September 16 - May 14	\$14.00
Additional Vehicles		\$6.00
Senior Discount		\$2.00 off Camping in Fees

Mount Diablo has three designated family camping areas and 5 group camps:

Juniper Campground (36 sites, elevation 3000 ft.) Located approximately 2 miles below the summit, on Summit Road, Juniper is known for its fantastic views. **Reservations Available.**

Live Oak Campground (22 sites, elevation 1450 ft.) Located one mile above the Southgate Entrance Station, off Southgate Road. Live Oak is near Rock City. At Rock City one can explore rock formations. **Reservations Available.**

Junction Campground (6 sites, elevation 2200 ft.) Located where Southgate and Northgate meet at the Ranger Station. This

www.reserveamerica.com. Reservations can be made for a specific campground but not a specific site.

*All camping registration is from the **Southgate kiosk**, located from the Danville side approximately 3 miles up from the entrance to the park off Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard. Campers will **not** be registered at Northgate or at Mitchell Canyon. Please do not use the *physical address provided above to locate the park for camping; this address is for administrative purposes only.* Thank you.

*Check-in time is 2:00 PM.

Check-out time is 12:00 PM.

Group Camps

Name	Nightly Use Fee	Capacity	Vehicles
Stagecoach	\$45.00	20	7
Boundary	\$45.00	20	7
Buckeye	\$66.00	30	10
Wildcat	\$66.00	30	10
BBQ Terrace	\$111.00	50	17

campground is situated in an open woodland area. **Available on a first come/first served basis ONLY.**

*All campgrounds are provided with picnic tables, fire pits or stoves, potable water and rest rooms. Showers are available at Live Oak and Juniper campgrounds, at no additional charge.

*The campgrounds are mainly designed for tent camping, yet they can accommodate RVs up to 20 feet in length. There are no hook ups and no dumping, stations provided in the park.

*Pay phones are located at the Junction Ranger Station and the Summit Visitor Center.

Camping Procedures

You may make reservations from 48 hours to 7 months in advance by calling Reserve America at 1-800-444-7275 or by visiting their website at

Reservations are available for all group camps with Reserve America. Each campground is primitive with running water and pit toilets. BBQ Terrace is equipped with horse ties for equestrian use. Motorhomes are not allowed in the group camping areas.

During the fire season (generally, May - October) the park is subject to closure due to extreme fire danger. **Campers must call the park at (925) 837-2525 or (925) 837-0904 one day prior to their arrival to confirm park status.**

General Rules

*Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the park.

*8 people maximum per campsite.

*Each juvenile (under the age of 18) must have written permission from their parents (with the parent's phone number) prior to camping. Phone verifications will be attempted.

*Quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM

*No electric generators from 8:00PM to 10:00AM.

*Firewood gathering is prohibited.

*Fires must be in stoves or fire pits provided (NO GROUND FIRES).

*Campfire restrictions are in effect during the fire season. Check fire conditions for appropriate use (see above).

*Campers are locked in the park overnight from sunset to 8:00 AM. For emergencies, dial 911.

ALL FEATURES OF THE PARK ARE PROTECTED.

Do not remove or disturb plants, animals or geological features. You are responsible for obeying all park rules. Ask a Park Ranger for further information.

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Camping At Mount Diablo State Park
96 Mitchell Canyon Road
Clayton, CA 94517
(925) 837-2525

Fire Danger - How Will It Affect You?

Fire Danger Reading	Wood fire permitted in stoves and BBQ pits in designated picnic and camp sites	Use of Compressed Logs	Use of Charcoal	Use of Self-contained Stove	Cigarette Smoking (including within a vehicle)	Park Closed
LOW	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
MEDIUM	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
HIGH	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
HIGH WITH RED FLAG	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
VERY HIGH/ EXTREME	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

MDIA President's Column

Welcome to the beautiful Mount Diablo State Park! You will not have enough time to experience all 20,000 acres of the Park, nor cover its almost 200 miles of hiking trails. However, just to experience a small piece of this environment can only enhance ones appreciation of living things. Viewing the wild birds and animals is their natural habitat is exhilarating. Seeing a few of the 841 species of native and naturalized plants (source: The Flowering Plants and Ferns of Mount Diablo, California; Ertter and Bowerman; 2002) is interesting. And, this is wildflower season, and you will want to view wildflowers in all of their splendor. You can not miss them—they're everywhere! To help you identify them, the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA) has just published an all new and expansive wildflower guide of Mount Diablo State Park. The guide contains color photographs and descriptions of wildflowers most commonly seen in the Park. You shouldn't go hiking without this guide! Copies can be purchased at all staffed facilities in the Park, or it can be ordered on the web at <mdia.org>. Thanks to the wildflower guide editor, Linda Sanford, and all of the wildflower photographers, for their work to put together this magnificent guide. A special thanks must go to all of the financial donors of MDIA without whose support such a publication would not be possible.

It is my privilege and honor to serve as President of MDIA for 2005. MDIA has been the sole cooperating association in Mount Diablo State Park for over 30 years, and is pleased to publish this Mount Diablo Review to enhance your enjoyment and experience in the Park. MDIA is an all-volunteer organization, and thus, relies on volunteers to support its goals and objectives. Consider joining MDIA and its 300 members. It is not expensive to join. Your membership will help MDIA to continue to do good things on The Mountain.

Rich McDrew, President



Accolades To The Boy Scouts

Congratulations to seven Boy Scouts who successfully completed their Eagle Projects by coordinating the removal of trash/debris from Mount Diablo State Park. Their environmental projects have made the Park that much more beautiful, and less hazardous to wildlife.

ALEX TOPER, Troop #36
(Danville)

Removed 206 fence posts and barbed wire from North Gate Road to Stage Road.
2003

CHRIS MILLER, BSA Troop #36 (Danville)
Removed 110 fence posts and barbed wire between Dusty Road and BBQ Terrace Road.
2003

DARIN GRANDFIELD, BSA Troop #903 (Livermore)
Removed 175 fence posts and barbed wire at Juniper Campground and along Deer Flat Road.
2004

DAVID HUGENS, BSA Troop #803 (Danville)
Removed remnants of an old Boy Scout camp, i.e., water tank, piping, and fencing.
2003

KYLE TRAMBLEY, BSA Troop #277
(Pleasant Hill)

Removed 180 fence posts and barbed wire at the top of Curry Canyon.
2005

NICK MOORE, BSA Troop #803 (Danville)
Removed 180 fence posts and barbed wire from Yosemite Trail to Wall Point Road.

2003

TAYLOR INGLIS, BSA Troop #803 (Danville)
Removed 150 fence posts and barbed wire between Dusty Road and Pine Pond.
2004



Remnants from old Boy Scout Camp

Boy Scouts looking for Eagle Projects involving trash/debris removal must first contact Rich McDrew (925/932-7511 or <grmcdrew@mindspring.com>) or Burt Bogardus (925/820-2347 or <burt.bogardus@sbcglobal.net>). Rich or Burt will guide the preplanning process.



Commemorative patch designating Boy Scout Jamboree at Green Ranch over 50 years ago.

could continue on down the steep fire trail to the ranch.

In those days automobiles had running boards. My father put us on the running boards while he drove up the mountain at a fast pace and we were so busy hanging on that we forgot to be car-sick.

The house was finished in 1939 and we moved in there to spend most weekends and summer vacations. What a wonderful experience!

We quickly began to learn about the wild life surrounding us. Deer came grazing right up to the house in the evenings. My father named the dominate stag "Buster". We came to know raccoons, skunks, occasional coyotes, mountain lions, buzzards, hawks, quail, jays, tarantu-

while watching the sun come up; then we would ride over the mountain trails and be home in time for lunch.

All of us learned to drive on the mountain — first in the parking lot at the summit, then on the mountain roads. My older brother and I learned at the same time and soon devised a contest to see who could drive the pick-up the fastest on the twisting roads — the object of course being who could make the other sickest quickest, careening around curves we would occasionally meet other cars thus eliciting angry phone calls to Park Headquarters, a visit from the Head Ranger, and appropriate punishment from our parents.

Every year my father took the four of

the evening where we would watch the fog come up from the valley and drift through the screens into our sleeping area. In the early morning the fog would dissipate and we could see it below covering the Livermore Valley — looked like the ocean.

Both of my parents were Scout leaders and held Boy and Girl Scout campouts on the ranch and annual jamborees that included scout troops from all over the East Bay. They also hosted riding parties and musical weekends. My father had a rich baritone singing voice and would bring up his fellow singer and musicians from the Bohemian Club to preform for their families and friends. The first time I heard the duet from Bizet's [popular opera by Georges Bizet] "The Pearl Fishers" was on the large front porch of the Diablo house, the sounds that beautiful music floating out over the valley below. I could hear no other sounds. I think the animals were listening too.

We learned a lot at Diablo. What we gained from our parents and the rangers was a love and respect for the mountain and its inhabitants, and the responsibility for taking care of this special place, and indeed any other place in which we found ourselves throughout our lives.

No one whoever visited the the ranch on Mt. Diablo ever forgot it—it was a beautiful and unique spot on this earth.

Deborah Green Seymour
May 8, 1995



The house at Green Ranch

las, black widow spiders, king snakes, rattlesnakes, bats, and mice, mice, mice.

During the various seasons we looked for and found golden poppies, blue lupine, red Indian paint brush, wildcurrant, toyon berries, tarweed, mustard, and plenty of poison oak. The pines, oaks, mistletoe, scrub brush and wild oats were everywhere.

We four children learned to swim, hike, and ride. Two of us took to riding, two didn't. My younger brother and I had our own horses and would get up before dawn, saddle up and pack our saddle bags with provisions, and ride up to one of the picnic grounds, there to eat breakfast

us on the "Annual Hike" to the top of the mountain. Mother stayed home. It was always in August, and always on the hottest day of the year. It was only 9/10 of a mile — straight up and through the stickiest tar weed and densest buck brush. My sister and I always fared the worst and each year had to be tossed into the back of a rangers truck, with gunny sacks on our heads, and driven practically comatose back down to the house. My father never planned this , it just happened.

Because Diablo was socially remote my parents imported our friends. We all slept on two screened sleeping porches and would talk back and forth until late in

"The Greenbill Ranch" was the property of Berkeley residents Robert Clarke Green (1905 - 1981) and his wife Deborah Bixby Green (1904 - 1958). In 1938, they built a summer/country house on their south-facing, 170-acre parcel near Mount Diablo's summit. The renowned architect, William Wurster, designed the house. The summer estate included a large swimming pool, tennis court, and guest quarters. The State of California acquired the property in 1965. The house was demolished in 1993. Efforts are underway to return this area to nature. In 1995, one of the Greens' daughters, Deborah Green Seymour, wrote: This article for MDIA.

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Thank you for your mail order.

If you would like to further support MDIA you might consider joining the Association.

Mount Diablo Interpretive Association Membership Application

Membership Dues are Deductible to the Full Extent by Law

Membership Category (check one)		Make Checks Payable to "MDIA"
_____ Student/Senior	\$15	Clip and Mail to: MDIA P.O. Box 346 Walnut Creek, Ca 94597-0346
_____ Individual	\$25	
_____ Family	\$40	
_____ Sustaining	\$50	Donation in addition to membership fee \$_____.
_____ Contributing	\$100	
_____ Lifetime	\$500	
Name _____	E-mail _____	
Address _____	Telephone _____	
City/State/Zip _____		

Mount Diablo State Park Visitors

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for obeying these and other park rules. Ask a Park Ranger for further information

- ALL FEATURES OF THE PARK ARE PROTECTED! Do not remove or disturb plants, animals or geological features
- PARK CLOSING TIME: Park closes at SUNSET. Visitors should be in their vehicles heading out at sunset to avoid being locked in
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: All alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED IN THE PARK. State laws regarding alcoholic beverages are STRICTLY ENFORCED
- VEHICLES/BICYCLES: SPEED LIMIT is 15-25 MPH on park roads, 15 MPH in campgrounds and picnic areas. OFF ROAD USE PROHIBITED. All vehicles must stay on pavement and are prohibited on trails and fire roads
- BICYCLES ARE ALLOWED only on paved roads, fire roads and designated trails. Check at Ranger Station for current regulations
- SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, ROLLERSKATES and gravity-propelled devices are prohibited
- DOGS — MUST BE IN TENT or vehicles at night MUST BE ON LEASH at all times when out of your car. MUST STAY IN DEVELOPED AREAS ONLY - not allowed on trails or fire roads
- CAMPING — MAXIMUM OF 8 PERSONS AND THREE VEHICLES PER CAMPSITE IS PERMITTED ONLY IN THE JUNIPER, JUNCTION AND LIVE OAK CAMPGROUNDS
- JUVENILES (under 18) MUST HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION from parents
- QUIET HOURS 10pm to 6am
- NO ELECTRIC GENERATORS 8pm to 10am
- FIRES — RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT DURING FIRE SEASON - check with Ranger
- MUST BE IN STOVES OR BARBEQUES PROVIDED - no ground fires
- FIREWOOD GATHERING PROHIBITED
- PEACE AND QUIET: NOISE must not carry beyond your immediate camp or picnic ground
- TELEPHONES: Located at Junction Ranger Station. Summit and Macedo/Mitchell Canyons. Dial 911 for emergencies
- FIREWORKS: PROHIBITED
- FIREARMS/AIRGUNS: PROHIBITED
- NO HUNTING

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