Diablo Foothills Regional Park

**Park Features:** Diablo Foothills is an imposing gateway to the beautiful parklands of Mt Diablo State Park and Walnut Creek Open Space. The park has interesting geologic features, beautiful wildflowers in season, and a variety of bird and animal life.

**Trail Highlights:** With sweeping vistas, nesting peregrine falcons, rare endemic plants, and spectacular rock wall formations, this park has a lot to offer those who are prepared for a workout! Lots of steep up and down single-track trails and fire roads abound. Typical chaparral and oak woodland savanna habitat are lovely in the springtime.

**Trail Directions:** From Orchard Staging, head south on the Castle Rock Trail, following it 1.86 miles to the junction with the Little Yosemite Trail. Make a right turn and follow this single-track trail uphill to the intersection with the Briones to Mount Diablo Regional Trail. Take a right turn onto Briones to Mt. Diablo Regional Trail and follow it past the China Wall road turnoff to the intersection with the Hanging Valley Trail. Turn left onto Hanging Valley Trail and go 1.09 miles to the sign post for Stonetage Trail. Take a right and follow Stonetage for .19 miles. Veer left to join the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail. The trail splinters here into 3 social trails but they all rejoin the main trail. After .38 miles, turn right onto the Fairy Lantern Trail. Follow this single-track trail downhill for .35 mile until you reach the intersection with the Shell Ridge Trail. Take a left onto Shell Ridge and follow it exclusively for .9 miles. At the intersection with the Diablo Scenic Trail, take a right to follow it .39 miles. At the bottom of the hill, take a hard left on the Castle Rock Trail 4 miles to bring you back to the staging area.

**Driving Directions:** Exit I-680 at Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek and drive east. After about three miles turn right on Walnut Avenue. After about two miles turn right on Oak Grove Road, then bear right onto Castle Rock Road and follow it to the Orchard Staging Area on your right.