

California / Mount Diablo SP Juniper and Summit Trail

DISTANCE: 4 miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 920 feet

ROUTE TYPE: Loop

Completed this on a cloudy weekday, so the trail was pretty empty. Excellent mix of views, beautiful green rolling hills after the rains, clear views from the summit. Great trail for a low traffic day - probably would not want to attempt during a weekday in the summer. Note - there's \$10 entrance fee to the park.

This was an easy to moderate hike with some incline, but overall not too strenuous and accessible for most hikers and ability levels. There is parking at the trailhead, and the path is clearly marked. I'd recommend including a visit to the summit and visitor center once you're up there. There is an observation deck that offers great views and a small museum. It was chilly and windy when I ascended mid April but much of the trail is in sun so it evened out temperature wise. Spring seemed like a nice time to do the climb as everything was very green and scenic. FYI there is a fee to enter Mt Diablo State Park so be prepared for that.

Didn't plan on this trail but we ended up here. So glad we did! Hard incline at first, but worth it when we got to the lighthouse at the top. So beautiful. Air was fresh, weather was cool. They scenery absolutely gorgeous.

