

## 6 Diablo Foothills Regional Park

**Staging Area:** Orchard Staging Area, south end of Castle Rock Road, Walnut Creek. **Route:** From the Orchard Staging Area take Castle Rock Trail to Stage Road. Go right on Fairy Lantern Trail and stay left at the fork up to Mokelumne Coast-to-Crest Trail and go left. Veer right onto Hanging Valley Trail, and stay left at all junctions, looping back to Mokelumne Coast-to-Crest Trail. Follow back to Fairy Lantern Trail and turn right. Turn left on Shell Ridge Trail to Castle Rock Trail. Go left to return to the parking area.

**Description:** This loop is made up of service roads and offers views of Castle Rock and Mt. Diablo. There are some short, tough climbs and one steep section of technical downhill with rock features along the upper Shell Ridge Loop Trail. To avoid this section return to the staging area via Stage Road to Castle Rock Trail. **Loop direction:** Figure 8. **Trail type:** 1-lane dirt road. **Length:** 6.2 miles. **Elevation gain:** 1,022 feet. **Approximate time:** 1 hour, 30 minutes.

