

## September 26, 2023 Hard Hike Diablo Lower 2 peaks, Mitchell Rock and Twin Peaks

**TIME:** 9:30-12:00

**Hike Description** – This is a scenic loop trail passing through several distinct habitat zones. It is 3.8 miles in length with a net elevation gain of 1,165 feet. From the Mitchell Canyon Trailhead, we go a short distance on the Oak Road for a steep but short climb. The Mitchell Rock Trail is a single-track trail that passes Mitchell Rock, a large lava rock formation. Switchbacks take us to the lower of the twin peaks, then on to the upper twin peak. A left on the Eagle Peak Trail is a descent to the Coulter Pine Trail which meanders back to the trailhead.

**PARKING LOT:** At the south end of the Mitchell Canyon Road, visitor Parking Lot.

**TO GET THERE:** In Walnut Creek take Ygnacio Valley Road 6 ½ miles up toward Clayton, and turn right onto Clayton Road, drive about 1 mile and go right onto Mitchell Canyon Road all the way to the end. You will need to take an envelope to fill out your car info and return the envelope into the gate slot with a cash fee of \$6.00 (Senior \$5.00) make sure you displace the tab on your dashboard. It will be handy to have exact changes and a pen would be helpful.

For those of you have the 2022-2023 Limited State Golden Bear Pass, it's free but you still have to fill up the info with pass number, return the envelope and keep the tab on your dash board with your pass visible.

**GPS:** Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center (or 96 Mitchell Canyon Road, Clayton, CA)

**Trails:** From the parking lot P/450 ft, Oak Road-right turn onto Mitchell Rock Trail all the way to Mitchell Rock A/1,000 ft, and Twin Peaks B/1,519 ft. we will continue on the Mitchell Rock Trail until we reach the downhill side of the Eagle Peak Trail on the left side. Go down 1.2 miles to reach the Coulter Pine Trail for 0.4 miles to reach Oak Road, and downhill to the parking lot.

**FOR ALLTRAILS USER:** [Mitchell Canyon Parking Lot to Twin Peaks | AllTrails](#)

**BRING:** drink, snack, hiking sticks/highly recommended, wind jacket.

**RESTROOMS:** At the parking lot.

**DISTANCE AND ELEVATION:** (See map on next page)

1. From P to A: 0.8 miles, and 550 feet gain.
2. From A to B: 1 mile, 520 feet gain.

**LUNCH:** Optional – Ed's Mudville Grille, 6200 Center Street, Clayton

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## PARKING Lot:

Mitchell Canyon Parking Lot to Twin Peaks

