



Black Diamond Mines

Starting point: Parking lot.

Distance: 3.5 Miles

Time: Allow about 2-3 hours

Grade: Moderate

Suggested age: Webelos

Suggested Season: Fall, Spring, early mornings are recommended.



Hike Description: From the parking lot follow the paved Nortonville Trail.

After about 220 feet, turn left on to Stewartville Trail.

When you reach a gate and junction with the Railroad Bed Trail continue straight on the Stewartville Trail pass the Pittsburg Trail through the grasslands.

When you reach the Gate, turn right on to the Ridge Trail. At about 1.1 miles in there is a little open area to take a break and wonderful views of Mount Diablo and Black Diamond Valley.

The Ridge Trail begins to descend down trail, and bends left.

Continue on the Ridge trail until you reach the Lower Chaparral. Once on the Chaparral Trail continue straight.

After a bridge crosses the canyon, you will reach a junction turn left following the sign toward the Manhattan Canyon Trail.

Go left on to the Manhattan Canyon Trail to the junction leading to the Black diamond Trail.

Right on the Black Diamond trail where it will end at the junction with Nortonville Trail. Turn right.

Follow the Nortonville Trail pass you can turn left to see the Rose Hill Cemetery or continue on the Nortonville Trail returning to the park.

