



Plein Air — Rock City Park (Mt. Diablo)

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



Rock City is a fascinating geological area located within Mount Diablo State Park in California. It features large rock formations and unique wind caves, making it an ideal spot for exploration and outdoor activities.

Meet at 10:00 am Upper Rock City Picnic Area Parking Lot, and paint anywhere nearby. Bring your lunch and meet back at the parking lot to show your paintings at 12:30 pm. Park hours are 8:00 am–Sunset. The park is accessed through the South Gate entrance on the Danville/Blackhawk side. Rock City is about one mile beyond the South Gate kiosk. A California State Park vehicle day-use fee applies when entering Mount Diablo State Park: \$6.00 and (Peak): \$10.00. Carpooling is encouraged. Parking is available in designated lots around the Rock City area.

Best Painting Spots Nearby (short walk)

Wind Caves – dramatic shadows and rock shapes
(great for watercolor/gouache)

Sentinel Rock area – strong vertical composition

Elephant Rock viewpoint – iconic subject

Artist Point – wider landscape views



Mt. Diablo State Park

Upper Rock City Picnic Area Parking Lot

South Gate Road, Mount Diablo State Park
Danville, CA 94506

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Restroom Information

There are vault restrooms in the Rock City area near the picnic facilities. Facilities are basic, so I would recommend artists bring: hand sanitizer, drinking water, and personal snacks.

Questions?

Contact Nutan Singh, Plein Air Coordinator
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