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## Mt. Wanda



Points of Interest

Alhambra avenue)

Riparian Trail

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> Park Boundary

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## Mt. Wanda Area

Area open seven days a week – Sunrise to Sunset.

"Another lovely day, mostly solid sunshine. Took a fine fragrant walk up the west hills with Wanda and Helen, who I am glad to see love walking, flowers, trees and every bird and beast and creeping thing. Buttercup, clover, gilia, Brodiaea, Allium, Dodecatheon, larkspur and portulacas are in flower. The oaks are in full leaf. A fine fragrant walk, the babies are delighted." John Muir, April 12, 1895

John Muir lived and worked in the Alhambra Valley for 32 years. He had a loving wife Louie, and two daughters, Wanda and Helen. The family had 2,600 acres, of which about 2,200 were used for growing a variety of fruit. Named after his eldest daughter, Mt. Wanda is 326 acres of oak woods and grasslands. The Muir family never used it for fruit production, but as an escape for the daughters to take nature walks with "Papa".

- The entrance gate for the Mt. Wanda Area is located by the Park & Ride lot on Franklin Canyon Road and Alhambra Ave. It is an uphill saunter of half a mile to the nature trail, and one mile to the top. The highest point in the park is the summit at 640 feet.
- Please wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothes. Bring your own drinking water. The weather in early June may reach 100 degrees.
- > There is no camping or fires or fireworks allowed on Mt. Wanda.
- > Dogs are permitted, but must stay on leash. Please clean up after your dog.
- All fire roads dead-end at private property, there is currently one way in and one way out. There are no connections to other trails yet. Please do not climb fences.
- Please respect all wildlife and plants. Take only memories and photos, and leave nothing but footprints.

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