

# History of Fires in the Oakland hills



Year	Month	Day	Time	Wind	Hum	Tem	Acres	Homes	Loc	Cause
1923	Sept	Mon	12:00 AM	Diablo	25	91	130	584	N. of UC Campus	Smoker
No Conflagration was ever more out of control. 3 mile run in 2 hrs.										
1931	Nov	Mon	7:00 AM	Diablo	11	87	1800	5	Leona	Unknown
2 mile front splitting into 2 huge fires creating double conflagration.										
1933	Nov	Mon	7:00 AM	Diablo	20	82	1000	5	Joaquin Miller	Smoker
Travelled along tree tops touching ground after main blaze passed.										
1937	Sept	Sat.	3:00 PM	Westerly	20	90	700	4	Broadway Terr	Backyard Fire
Lack of water caused by exhaustion of resevoirs. Fire crept slowly thru brush & at times leaped from tree top to tree top.										
1940	Sept	Sat.	Afternoon	Westerly			30	0	Broadway Terr	Unknown
Fresh breeze swept in from Golden Gate whipping up a blaze in the pine needles and underbrush threatening scores of mountain homes.										
1946	Sept	Mon	5:00 AM	Diablo			74	1000	0	Buckingham/Norfolk Arson/Rekindle
Sheer-walled canyon were quickly raging infernos. Flames raced so fast in the stiff wind they formed a fiery canopy over stands of pine & eucalyptus.										
1955	Nov	Tue	Early AM	Westerly	30	73	10	0	Montclair	Unknown
30 firefighters fought blaze under towering eucalyptus and pine trees for nearly 5 hrs.										
1960	Oct	Sat.	11:00 AM	Diablo	7	84	1200	2	Leona	Unknown
High temperatures and low humidity aided the 50 ft. flames which roared with express-train-speed up steep slopes.										
1961	Nov	Sat.	4 fires	So West	36	67	400	0	Biones, Tilden Roberts, Chabot	Arson
Flames soared more than 100 ft in the grass and brush high in the hills.										
1968	Oct	Wed	Afternoon	Westerly	45	80	204	0	N of Navel Hospital	Unknown
Started in Eucalyptus grove menaced homes.										
1970	Sept	Tue	10:30 AM	Diablo	33	80	204	37	Buckingham/Norfolk	Arson
Wind swirled in every direction. Heat was so great homes exploded before the fire actually reached them.										
1980	Dec	Sun	2:00 PM	Diablo	67	56	2	5	Wildcat Rd. Berk	Powerline
The blaze fed by thick underbrush and eucalyptus debris homes literally exploded.										
1990	Oct		Evening	Westerly			200	0	Leona	Veh. Accident
Fire could have been worse if the wind was blowing from the northeast like the night before.										
1991	Oct	Sun	10:47 AM	Diablo	17	90	1700	3000	Buckingham/Norfolk	Rekindle
Burned over 3 sq miles, 25 people killed, gutted 3,000 homes, caused \$1.68 Billion in damage Most destructive in California History.										