

# Volunteers

## Make a Difference!



### Our Mission

The mission of California State Parks is to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.



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*Volunteering in California's state parks gives people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm the chance to help their favorite parks and to work together to enrich visitors' experiences. In California's state parks, volunteering benefits everyone.*



*Mounted Assistance Unit*

# Become a California State Parks volunteer and be the difference in your parks!



Volunteering in California's state parks began with the first state park in 1864. Today, nearly 45,000 volunteers donate more than 1 million hours annually.

Many programs and events in California's state parks could not exist without volunteers. They play a critical role, volunteering daily, weekly, and monthly to help make the park experience a special one for all Californians and visitors from around the world.

Volunteers also play an important role in the success of special events, including Earth Day, Trails Day, Coastal Cleanup Day, and National Public Lands Day.

For more than a century, volunteers have enhanced, maintained, and restored California's state parks. Join us to become part of what makes California's state parks magnificent.

## Why volunteer?

- Personally connect with a park through gaining new knowledge and sharing your knowledge and passions with others.
- Help enhance visitors' park experiences.
- Preserve California's valuable resources.
- Join a community of passionate volunteers.
- Experience the outdoors in new, meaningful ways.
- Earn park passes and other recognition.
- Have fun!

## What could you do as a volunteer?

- Be a campground/park host.
- Help operate the visitor center.
- Conduct tours.
- Build and maintain trails.
- Educate and inspire children on school group visits.
- Participate in living history demonstrations.
- Monitor local wildlife.
- Clean up a beach.
- And more!

## How do you become a volunteer?

- Choose a park location that interests you (see park district map on back).
- Contact the volunteer coordinator for an application or download an application from [www.parks.ca.gov/Volunteer](http://www.parks.ca.gov/Volunteer).
- Submit your application to the park.
- Interview with the volunteer coordinator.
- Attend orientation and training.



Trail patrol



Tour guide



Historic reenactment



Park cleanup

# Volunteer Opportunities in the California State Park System

See below to determine the park district where you would like to volunteer, and then locate it on the map. To find a specific park, go to [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov). For a list of campground/park host opportunities, go to [www.parks.ca.gov/CampHost](http://www.parks.ca.gov/CampHost). Call or email the district to discuss volunteer opportunities and how to apply. Take action today to make a difference tomorrow!



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