



Wilderness Patrol Volunteer

Duty Statement

Purpose

Volunteers patrol the backcountry to interpret natural resources, assess trail conditions and provide information to park visitors.

Duties

- Wilderness Patrol Volunteers are engaged in the changing conditions of State Parks.
- Volunteers work a minimum of 5 hours per month for one year. Saturdays, Sundays & holidays prioritized for shift coverage.
- Educate, assist and inform park visitors about trail conditions and park regulations.
- Interpret natural and cultural resources of State Parks.
- Report trail hazards and obstacles.
- Accurately complete trail reports, log-sheets and incident reports.
- Assist park staff with park/visitor emergencies.
- Maintain cleanliness of facilities & Wilderness Patrol equipment.
- Sales of trail maps, field guides and other merchandise (depending on site)
- Report to State Park Supervising Ranger and/or Volunteer Coordinator.

Skills/Qualifications

- Wilderness Patrol Volunteers are over 18 years old, must be physically fit and capable of hiking at least 3-miles in a day over varied terrain.
- Friendly, courteous and possess good communication skills.
- Positive attitude and willingness to work as a team member with Park staff and visitors.
- Satisfy California State Parks training requirements including: *Live Scan fingerprinting*, communication skills, equipment/trail maintenance, interagency relations, orienteering and basic computer literacy.

Training

Attend training days as well as enrichment opportunities.

Uniforms

Wilderness Patrol Volunteers will purchase and wear a distinctive park volunteer uniform which will display State Park volunteer emblem at all times.

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone _____ Email _____

State Parks Interested in Volunteering _____

Please write in order of preference (Big Basin Redwoods, Castle Rock, Henry Cowell, Nisene Marks, Portola Redwoods, Rancho del Oso, Wilder Ranch, other)

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