



Olompali State Historic Park

Volunteers Needed to Keep Olompali State Historic Park Open

Volunteers are playing an ever-increasing role at Olompali State Historic Park and are needed to keep the park open. Volunteers lend invaluable assistance in the following program areas:



Interpretation for Visitors

Docents are highly trained volunteers who interpret the cultural, natural and recreational resources of state parks for visitors. Docents receive initial and continuing training to which they add their own unique approach and experiences. Interpretive activities that docents become involved with include:

- Educational Programs for School Groups
- Tours and Nature Hikes
- Living History Programs and Demonstrations

Public Safety

Horseback and Foot Patrols are conducted by volunteers who provide information and assistance to park visitors on a regular basis and during special events.

Park Operations

Park Hosts are visible representatives in Olompali's day-use areas. Park host duties include providing visitor information, staffing the Olompali Visitor Center and museum, monitoring the park parking lot, general maintenance and housekeeping, conducting interpretive programs and encouraging compliance with park rules and regulations (although hosts do not perform actual law enforcement duties). For more information about being an Olompali park host, contact Supervising Ranger Ryen Goering by email at rgoering@parks.ca.gov or call 415-388-2952. If interested, please complete a CA State Parks Volunteer Application and send it to Olompali State Historic Park, P.O. Box 1016, Novato, CA 94948 or e-mail it to rgoering@parks.ca.gov.

Park Equipment Maintenance is provided by volunteers with special training and expertise.

Park Administration includes duties such as clerical support, data tabulation, special events, and other administrative functions.

Natural Resource Management is a critical issue facing state parks. Volunteers assist by providing needed skills and abilities in:

- Trail Construction and Maintenance
- Native Plant Enhancement
- Exotic Plant Removal
- Habitat Restoration

Cultural Resource Management

Volunteers assist in preserving and protecting the parks' collection. Olompali's 8,000 year history comes alive through the efforts of talented volunteers who assist park staff in duties such as:

- Caring for Collections
- Historical Research
- Restoration of Historical Structures

And much, much more...!

How to Become a California State Parks Volunteer at Olompali State Historic Park

Qualifications

As a volunteer, you must be willing and able to carry out your assigned duties and responsibilities. You must also be reliable and committed. Job duties are matched to the interests and abilities of the volunteer. A medical examination or criminal background check may be required. Persons under 18 years of age may volunteer with written permission from a parent or guardian.

Training and Working Conditions

You will receive training to acquaint you with Olompali State Historic Park and your specific duties. Hours for most volunteer positions are flexible and varied depending upon park needs and your availability. The amount of time volunteered is mutually agreed upon by you and your supervisor before you start and may be changed as circumstances dictate.

How to Apply

If you would like to receive a volunteer application to volunteer at Olompali State Historic Park, please contact:

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