

Service Partners

Service partners aid the Department by supplying visitor services that cannot readily be provided by Department personnel. The following is a representative sampling of Service Partners and is not purported to be a complete list.

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California Parks Hospitality Association

Projects and Programs

The California Parks Hospitality Association (CPHA) represents active state park concession operators. It presents an annual symposium and educational activities for members, monitors legislation related to concessions and maintains connections for members with CSP staff.

Benefits to California State Parks

CPHA disseminates state park information to its members

When

Year-round

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Prairie City SVRA



Columbia SHP



California Service Corps

Projects and Programs

The California Service Corps (CSC) is charged with increasing the number of Californians involved with service and volunteerism throughout the state. The California Service Corps administers programs such as AmeriCorps and Citizen Corps, guides policy development to support the non-profit and service fields, and is responsible for the coordination of CaliforniaVolunteers.org, a statewide network that matches Californians to volunteer opportunities in their communities. Through these programs and initiatives, Californians of all ages and abilities are provided with ongoing opportunities to volunteer, to become better prepared to respond to emergencies and disasters, and ultimately, to embrace a lifetime ethic of service.

Benefits to California State Parks



Partnership with the California Service Corps enables California State Parks to post volunteer openings statewide, thereby reaching a larger audience than otherwise possible. State Parks also participates in the CSC-hosted "Volunteer Village" at the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women & Families. This event allows CSP to promote volunteer opportunities in state parks to an audience of approximately 11,000 women from throughout California.

When

Year-round

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CSP booth at the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women & Families. Photo: California Service Corps

California Shock/Trauma Air Rescue

Projects and Programs

California Shock/Trauma Air Rescue (CALSTAR) is a stand alone 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in June 1983. CALSTAR provides an air ambulance, transporting critically ill and injured patients, regardless of their ability to pay, anywhere within the State of California on a 24-hour basis. They transport patients from the incident scene or from community medical facilities to specialized treatment centers for definitive care, specializing in air transport of pediatric patients.

Benefits to California State Parks

CALSTAR has co-sponsored an annual fundraiser with the Hollister Hills SVRA Volunteer Motorcycle Safety Patrol since 1994. All proceeds from the event benefit medical care for needy children.

When

Event specific

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Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Service Partners

Projects and Programs

Several off-highway motor vehicle groups assist the department by providing event support, volunteer labor to construct and manage facilities, and park clean-up and maintenance. These partners include:

State Vehicular Recreation Area	Service Partner	Service Provided
Carnegie SVRA	Red Neck Roosters M/C Club	Volunteer labor for sound testing, event support, park clean-up and maintenance
Hollister Hills SVRA	Esprit de Four	Volunteer labor, training, and park clean-up
	Forty-Plus Vintage Motorcycle	Volunteer labor for construction and maintenance
	Ghostriders Motorcycle Club	Event support, park clean-up, and maintenance
	Mountain Transit Authority	Volunteer labor for construction and maintenance
Hungry Valley SVRA	Mountain Arts and Recreation Coalition	Re-cycling program
	Over the Hill Gang Racing Club	Encourages and promotes safe motorcross events for all ages and skill levels
Oceano Dunes SVRA	Friends of Oceano Dunes	Event support, park clean-up and maintenance, equipment donation
Prairie City SVRA	Capitol City Mountain Goat 4-wheel Drive Club	Volunteer labor for 4-wheel drive safety
	Dirt Diggers North Motorcycle Club	Annual Hangtown Motorcross Race
	Polka Dots M/C Club	Event support, park clean-up and maintenance



Hangtown Motorcross Race, Prairie City SVRA

Benefits to California State Parks

These partners contribute services to the State Vehicular Recreation Areas that the department would not be able to provide.

When

Year-round

Contact Information

Contact the park units listed on the table on the previous page for additional information.



Specialized Park Operating Agreements

Projects and Programs

California State Parks has unique agreements with public and non-profit entities to operate specialized park units, including:

Park Unit	Operating Entity	Service Provided
Cuyamaca Rancho SP and Palomar Mountain SRA	County of San Diego	Outdoor educational programs
Drum Barracks	City of Los Angeles	Civil War Barracks and Museum operations and interpretation
El Presidio de Santa Barbara SHP	Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation	Acquisitions, operations and interpretation
Marconi Conference Center SHP	Marconi Center Operating Corporation	Conference center operations
Mount San Jacinto SP	Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority	Tram operations
Watts Towers of Simon Rodia SHP	City of Los Angeles	Park operations and interpretation

Benefits to California State Parks

These operating agreements provide specialized services that the department is not able to provide.

When

Year-round

Contact Information

Contact the park units listed above for additional information.



Photos, top to bottom:
Watts Towers of Simon Rodia SHP
Mount San Jacinto SP
Marconi Conference Center SHP

Tierra Del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club of San Diego

Projects and Programs

The Tierra Del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club of San Diego promotes four-wheel drive recreation on public lands, in a manner that is safe and fun for the entire family. They are committed to recreation practices that protect the natural environment.

Benefits to California State Parks

Tierra Del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club members have been actively involved with the Truckhaven project near Ocotillo Wells SVRA for the past four years.

When

Year-round

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Truckhaven Area, Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Photo: CORVA

Ventura County Search and Rescue

Projects and Programs

Ventura County Search and Rescue is comprised of highly dedicated and skilled volunteers who train with Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) staff on-site at the park. They are extensively trained in search techniques, technical rope rescue, tracking, swift water rescue, communications, winter operations, urban search and rescue, and search management.

Benefits to California State Parks

Ventura County Search and Rescue provides emergency assistance for search and rescue needs at Hungry Valley SVRA.

When

As needed

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Photo: Ventura County Sheriff Search and Rescue

Volunteers in Parks Program

Projects and Programs

Volunteers are playing an ever-increasing role in California's parks. Volunteers serve in almost all of California's state park units and lend invaluable assistance in one or more of the following program areas:

- Interpretation for visitors: docents, education programs for school groups, tours, nature hikes, train rides, living history programs and demonstrations
- Public contact: visitor center volunteers, public safety, horseback, mountain bike, foot, boat, and off-highway vehicle patrols
- Park operations: campground and park hosts, park equipment maintenance, and park administration
- Natural resource management: trail construction and maintenance, native plant enhancement, exotic plant removal, habitat restoration, and beach cleanup
- Cultural resource management: caring for collections, and historical research

Benefits to California State Parks

Volunteers are an integral part of State Park operations. In 2005 16,609 volunteers—an all-time high—contributed 950,430 hours of service, representing an equivalent dollar value to the department of over \$17 million.

When

Year-round

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Volunteers in California State Parks



Become a Volunteer Today!



California State Parks offers an astonishing array of opportunities for volunteers. Each park is unique with specific needs. Trail construction, exotic plant removal, nature walks, children's programs, living history, museum work, historic gardening, graphic design, administration, fund-raising, special events, camp hosting, and safety patrols are among the possibilities. You'll make new friends, give to your community, and have fun!



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