Volunteer at Mission Trails

Your Mission Trails adventure begins here! Nestled in the coastal sage scrub of Mission Trails Regional Park is the Visitor and Interpretive Center. Numerous volunteer opportunities exist at Mission Trails Regional Park.

Visitor Center Volunteers

As a part of our Mission Trails Volunteer family, you can help out by greeting visitors, providing information about the Park and its educational and recreational opportunities, and by assisting visitors with purchases in our Gift Shop. You will also start video presentations upon request, answer the telephone, make photo copies, and restock brochures and flyers. Choose a morning shift, from 8:45 AM to 1 PM, or an afternoon shift, from 1 to 5:15 PM.

For more information, contact Jennifer Morrissey at (619) 582-4502 or jmorrissey@mtrp.org.

Visitor Center Volunteers

Become a trained Trail Guide naturalist through a 10-week class that covers a variety of subjects including ecology, botany, geology, history, birds, mammals, reptiles, Kumeyaay culture and more! Trail Guides share their knowledge leading guided nature walks, at special events, and staffing Discovery Tables.

For more information, contact Ranger Chris Axtmann, at (619) 668-3277, or at: CAxtmann@sandiego.gov

Volunteer Trail Patrol Members interact with the public by answering questions, informing them about Park rules and trail etiquette, and assisting with minor first aid. There are opportunities for both Foot Patrol as well as Bike Patrol (must provide your own bike).

For more information, contact Ranger Aide Mansour Habis at (619) 668-2744 or e-mail MHabis@sandiego.gov

Volunteer Applications may be found on our website: www.mtrp.org
Monthly Volunteer Work Crews

How can YOU get your exercise for the day, while helping to beautify your park, improve its hiking trails and preserve its natural habitat all at the same time? By lending a hand on one of our monthly volunteer work crews! All Crews meet at 8 a.m. and work until 12 noon, at the latest. Meet in Kumeyaay Lake Campground’s Day Use Lot. The West Sycamore volunteer crew meets in Scripps Ranch.

**West Sycamore - 1st Sundays**
The West Sycamore Volunteer Crew meets on the 1st Sunday of each month (weather permitting/excluding the summer months & holidays) at the West Sycamore Staging Area, located at the east end of Stonebridge Parkway in Scripps Ranch. For more info or to RSVP, e-mail Ranger Dan Kimpel at DKimpel@sandiego.gov.

**Habitat Restoration - 2nd Saturdays**
Ranger Heidi Gutknecht (619) 668-3279 or HGutknecht@sandiego.gov for more info or RSVP.

**Trail Improvement - 3rd Sundays**
Ranger Andrew Miller (619) 668-2745 or MillerAJ@sandiego.gov for more info or to RSVP.

**Park Beautification - 4th Saturdays**
Ranger Julie Aeilts (619) 668-3201 or JAeilts@sandiego.gov for more info or to RSVP.

*It’s Hot, Let’s Not!*
All crews take a break during July and August due to the extreme heat. West Sycamore crew breaks through September.

- Don’t Forget:
  - Work Gloves
  - Sunscreen
  - Water Bottle

- Be Sure to Wear:
  - Long Pants
  - Hat & Sunglasses
  - Closed-Toe Shoes

- We Provide All Crews With:
  - Water
  - Gatorade
  - Snacks
  - Tools
  - Exercise
  - Fresh Air