

Summary

Volunteers monitor and record changes in native plants and wildlife to manage degradation and implement restoration projects. Monitoring local habitats within our park system is vital to the long term health and sustainability of both sensitive habitats and the trail system throughout OC Parks.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct field visits at the direction of park staff to evaluate natural areas.
- Conduct rare plant or animal surveys.
- Conduct trail use and trail impact surveys.
- Write habitat evaluation reports.
- Install and maintain field cameras.
- Review camera data and select photos for review with park staff.

Eligibility

- Complete all requirements as an OC Parks Volunteer.
- Ability to walk or hike on varied terrain, at times off-trail.
- Ability to kneel, bend and squat for long periods.
- Ability to carry heavy tools, equipment or water.
- Understand basic tool use and safety.
- Basic knowledge of native flora and fauna (Additional information will be provided during certification training).
- Recommendation by park staff.

Training Path

1. Complete OC Parks Volunteer training program.
 - a. Program Orientation Training
 - b. Background check
 - c. CPR and First Aid Certification
 - d. Complete site-specific training to receive park certification.
 - e. Receive OC Parks Volunteer uniform.
2. Attend Habitat Monitor Training where applicable.

Typical Schedule

- Projects are based at various open spaces and wilderness areas throughout Orange County. Schedules based on Ranger availability.