

WHAT IS A SUNOL-OHLONE REGIONAL WILDERNESS VOLUNTEER?

Folks who volunteer at Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness join the hundreds of park lovers who donate their time and talent to the East Bay Regional Park District. The Sunol-Ohlone program was founded officially in 1971 and is the oldest in the Regional Park District, but volunteers have been helping the park thrive since its birth in 1962, over 50 years ago!

Sunol-Ohlone volunteers participate in park activities in several different ways.



Docents

Specially trained docents help naturalists conduct educational programs for local students. These programs are held at various regional parks in southeastern Alameda County, including Del Valle and Shadow Cliffs Regional Parks, Las Trampas Regional Wilderness, and Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness.

School classes of all ages come to these regional parks to explore local Native American and California history, stream ecology, geology, and for wildlife and plant studies. Docents offer students hands-on, minds-on activities in small group settings to help develop their understanding of local natural and cultural history. All programs are tied to state curriculum standards.



Special Event Volunteers

Many activities are led by volunteers who enjoy participating in the excitement of a special event like Sunol's Spring Wildflower Festival. The festival would never take place without these and other dedicated volunteers.

Sunol volunteers may also assist with a variety of special events and projects at other regional park visitor centers.



Conservation Volunteers

Conservation projects include monitoring bluebird and wood duck nest boxes, compiling and maintaining a park herbarium (plant collection), keeping track of historical objects found in the park, conducting oral histories of former residents and neighbors, and participating in other projects designed to record and preserve the park's natural and cultural resources. Volunteers also sometimes help with trail and other maintenance projects.

If you would like to join the fun
or for more information,
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