

Visitor Centers

Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont

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Ardenwood is a working farm dating back to the late 1800s. Docents help bring history alive by demonstrating old-fashioned crafts and activities such as grinding corn, making rope, and spinning wool. Learn to handle farm animals, cook on a wood-burning stove, assist with Victorian crafts, games and farm chores, and dress in period clothing.

Big Break Regional Shoreline at the Delta, Oakley

(510) 544-3050 docents.bigbreak@ebparks.org

Big Break is dedicated to sharing the wonders and importance of California's Delta while working closely with community partners. Docents assist with providing an understanding of how the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta directly affects the life of all Californians. By increasing our knowledge, imagination, and curiosity of the Delta through scientific exploration, we increase our capacity to make informed decisions about this region's future.

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, Antioch

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Nestled in the northern foothills of Mt. Diablo, Black Diamond Mines was the site of California's most productive coalfield and was a major source of glass-making and foundry sands. Docents assist naturalists with activities in the late 19th-century coal-mining townsite of Somersville, the historic Rose Hill Cemetery, and the Hazel-Atlas Mine, as well as on hikes and at community events.

Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont

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Ohlone culture and marsh ecology are at the core of our interpretive programs. Docents participate in educational activities, helping teach traditional games, string-making, fire-starting, and bead-making.

Assist in the Butterfly Garden and Visitor Center, as well as conduct pond studies, nature observations, and snake/turtle talks with school groups. Docents play an integral part in special events, including the annual Ohlone Gathering.

Crab Cove at Crown Memorial State Beach, Alameda

(510) 544-3187 docents.crabcove@ebparks.org

From the shores of the SF Bay to the redwoods of the Oakland Hills, docents assist naturalists at a variety of parks throughout the Central East Bay. Activities include helping with educational school programs, walks, campfires, gardening, community science projects, and special events like Alameda's Sand Castle Contest and July 4th Parade!

Tilden Nature Area /Little Farm, Berkeley

(510) 544-2750 docents.tilden@ebparks.org

Located in the heart of the Wildcat Creek watershed, Tilden Nature Area and Little Farm serves thousands of schoolchildren each year. Docents assist naturalists with school and other public programs, work with farm animals, lead educational activities at the Little Farm, Kid's Garden, and Environmental Education Center, help with restoration projects, and much more.

Sunol Regional Wilderness, Sunol

(510) 544-3249 docents.sunol@ebparks.org

Join the longest-standing docent program in the East Bay Regional Park District. Founded in 1971, the docent program brings together a community of lifelong learners who love sharing the outdoors and history. Docents assist naturalists with school programs on California Native American culture, California history, stream studies, and various other natural history subjects. Docents also polish their skills through enrichment trainings and engage the community at special events.

For more information: ebparks.org/vc



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Docent Volunteering in the Regional Parks

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Become a Docent Volunteer

Do you love the outdoors? Would you like to be more involved in your community? Consider becoming a docent at an East Bay Regional Park District visitor center. Our East Bay lands have a rich heritage of natural and cultural history waiting and ready for us to explore and enjoy. You can make a difference in the lives of your neighbors of all ages by sharing your love of nature and history in a park!

Docent Program

Docents work with naturalists to teach about nature, the environment and the history of our Regional Parks while promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of these precious resources.

Each visitor center has developed a specialized training program that focuses on what docents need to know to assist with the educational programs offered. Docents help with school field trips, special events, public programs, resource protection and much more!

Our Mission

The Interpretive and Recreation Services Department inspires East Bay residents to enjoy and value their Regional Parks through innovative programs and services that are educational, uplifting and empowering.

Benefits

A few of the benefits of being a docent include:

- Making a difference in a child's life
- Becoming acquainted with a dedicated naturalist staff and their programs
- Camaraderie with like-minded people
- Learning more about your East Bay Regional Parks
- Being in beautiful natural and historic settings
- Receiving recognition and awards

Qualifications

Some requirements such as minimum age, time commitment and hours of weekday and weekend availability will vary at each visitor center. Fingerprinting is required for working with children.

Successful docent candidates will:

- Be enthusiastic
- Be interested in the environment
- Be friendly and patient with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Be dependable and flexible
- Have good communication skills

To apply

Please visit ebparks.org/docent to fill out an interest form online. If you have questions, call or email the docent coordinator at the visitor center of your choice.



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