

Experience the Rewards of Volunteering

Oregon State Parks is a great place to volunteer. Our parks and campgrounds have come to rely tremendously on volunteers of every age and background. We value your help every day!



So Many Ways to Host

All hosts live in a park for at least 30 days. Hosts are assigned their own site with hook-ups in exchange for volunteer duties, usually 20-40 hrs/week.



TYPE OF HOSTING	TYPICAL DUTIES
Campground	Greet visitors, help with registrations, answer questions, pick up litter, sell firewood and ice.
Visitor Services	Distribute park information, collect fees, sell merchandise at park museums, stores and visitor centers.
Interpretive	Provide interpretive programming such as: present campfire programs, guide lighthouse or historic tours, conduct Junior Ranger activities for youth.
Maintenance	Mow, weed, and provide landscaping or gardening, operate and repair equipment and small power tools.
Special Projects	Long-term projects for experienced hosts.



Lend a Hand...

Volunteering for OPRD



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Volunteer hotline (toll-free anytime):
1-877-225-9803

online:
www.oregonstateparks.org

State Park Information Center:
1-800-551-6949



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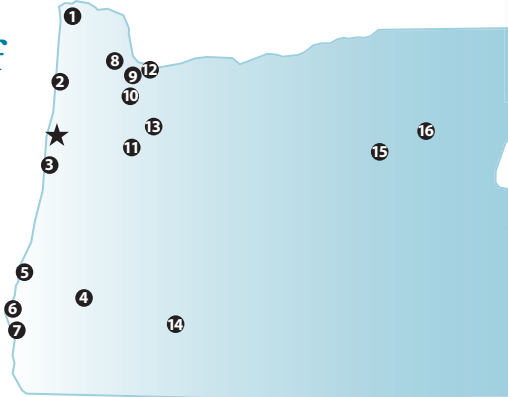
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Interested?



Adopt-a-Park . . .

. . . Or a trail or wayside. You or your group commit one year towards keeping a place clean and natural.



The Many Friends of Oregon State Parks

- 1 FRIENDS OF Old Fort Stevens
- 2 FRIENDS OF Cape Meares Lighthouse and Wildlife Refuge
- 3 FRIENDS OF Yaquina Lighthouse
- 4 FRIENDS OF Golden
- 5 FRIENDS OF Shore Acres State Park
- 6 FRIENDS OF Cape Blanco
- 7 Point Orford Heritage Society
- 8 FRIENDS OF Banks/Vernonia State Trail
- 9 FRIENDS OF Tryon Creek State Park
- 10 FRIENDS OF Historic Champoeg
- 11 Boston Mill Society (Thompson's Mills)
- 12 FRIENDS OF Vista House
- 13 FRIENDS OF Silver Falls State Park
- 14 FRIENDS OF Collier Memorial State Park
- 15 FRIENDS OF Kam Wah Chung Museum
- 16 FRIENDS OF Sumpter Dredge

Friends' groups are non-profit organizations that help individual parks by raising money, operating small stores or museums, conducting interpretive programs and special events and much more. They vary widely in size and membership, but all have a special commitment to their favorite park.



A Whale of a Good Time

OPRD's renowned "Whale Watching Spoken Here" volunteer program operates out of our newest center in Depoe Bay (see map ★). We train about 1,000 volunteers every year to help thousands of visitors spot migrating (and resident) Gray whales along the Oregon coast. Special weeks are set aside in winter, spring and summer.



Learning the Volunteer Habit

Kids aged 8 - 18 can gain valuable work experience while donating their time to a special project. Work alongside park rangers to earn a Youth Service Award pin and a recognition letter from the OPRD director.



Earn College Credits

If you're a student intern or are connected with a work experience organization such as AmeriCorps, you can gain valuable skills and experience while earning college credits. Tackle assignments such as designing interpretive tide pool presentations, leading visitor hikes and tours, conducting historical research and much more. We offer a small monthly living stipend or park housing along with extensive training and education. Assignments last from 3 to 12 months.

Pitch In

Beach cleanups are organized every spring and fall. Other regular events include the *Down by the Riverside* cleanup, Lake Billy Chinook Day, the Lake Owyhee Cleanup and the Smith Rock Spring Thing. Check our website for more info.



What Are Your Interests?

PARK HOSTS:

- Campground
- Interpretive
- Special project
- Visitor services
- Maintenance

THE ENVIRONMENT:

- Adopt-a-Park
- Special clean-ups
- Annual clean-ups

SPECIAL OPTIONS:

- Friends' groups
- Whale watching
- Youth VIP
- Internships

OTHER POSSIBILITIES (you tell us): _____

Park(s) where I would like to volunteer: _____

My Contact Information:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

Please return this form to:
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
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 Salem, OR 97301