



HOW TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER PATROL

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Overview

The Volunteer Patrol is a special volunteer community that helps care for Marin's treasured open spaces. Patrol members regularly hike, bike or ride a horse in County preserves. They provide maps and directions, encourage preservation of natural resources, and monitor and report road and trail conditions. The ideal candidate is a friendly, experienced hiker, cyclist, or equestrian who regularly visits County preserves. Volunteers receive free training from Parks staff in local history, land stewardship, wildlife and plants, and how to report and respond to a variety of issues. Orientations for new volunteers are held twice annually in fall and spring.

Application and Orientation Process

STEP 1

Contact Ranger Shannon Mueller at 415-473-2816 or smueller@marincounty.org to ask questions and discover whether the program is a good match.

STEP 2

Schedule an interview at the Lucas Valley Field Office.

STEP 3

Register through Samaritan online to become an official County of Marin volunteer.

STEP 4

Attend one of the bi-annual orientation meetings at the Lucas Valley Field Office.

STEP 5

Arrange an appointment for LiveScan fingerprint screening with Parks and County Sheriff. There is no cost for LiveScan for participants in Volunteer Patrol.

STEP 6

Participate in a ride along with a ranger. These typically last 4 to 5 hours and depart from the Lucas Valley Field Office.

STEP 7

Equestrians and cyclists need to complete an additional skills test – scheduled as needed.