



## Interested in Becoming a Docent?



Do we have a job for you! Become a docent for the California State Parks in San Luis Obispo County. Work with the public or behind the scenes to help people enjoy, understand, and protect the natural and cultural wonders of the central coast. The docent programs are a great way to invest your time in worthwhile activities, to meet people who share your interests, and to continue to learn.

### Activities & Benefits

Volunteer time is flexible and very much appreciated. Work at one or more of the beautiful San Luis Obispo Coast District and Oceano Dunes District Parks: the Pismo Nature Center and Monarch Butterfly Grove, Montaña de Oro, Los Osos Oaks Reserve, Harmony Headlands, Estero Bluffs, or the Morro Bay State Park including the Museum of Natural History.

There are opportunities that match almost all skills and interests.

- Choose to greet and assist the public at visitor centers and information desks
- Use business skills in the library, office, and Nature Stores
- Help develop exhibits and special events
- Lead interpretive nature walks and programs
- Present puppet shows and storytelling programs
- Present Living History programs
- Lead programs for visiting school and youth groups
- Maintain trails
- Write articles and publicity
- Maintain technical equipment and exhibits
- Work in native plant gardens

Your investment of time offers rewards such as:

- A stimulating work environment with talented fellow docents
- Opportunities for lifelong learning
- Outstanding speakers and programs
- Special field trips
- A 30% discount at nature stores
- An annual State Parks day use pass for every docent contributing 200 or more hours in a calendar year.

General training is usually provided in the spring and fall, with each park site visited and positions explained. Background reading and on-the-job training with mentors provide experience in each position. All active docents are expected to average at least eight volunteer hours each month. New docents are invited to become members of the Central Coast State Parks Association.

## How to Become a Docent

To get started, send an email to [docented@centralcoastparks.org](mailto:docented@centralcoastparks.org). Please include the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Best time to call you (morning, afternoon, or evening)
- Location/program you are interested in

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the [California State Parks!](#)