



Oleta River State Park

Volunteer Positions Needed

Grounds & Facilities Maintenance

Assigned Tasks

Mowing and weed-eating all areas of the park, including campground, picnic areas, parking lots, and road shoulders. Trims trees and shrubs in all areas of park, including, but not limited to, picnic areas, parking lots, roadways and campgrounds. May be requested to assist in other duties.

Number of Hours Required

20 hours per week per person, 4 days a week; usually Friday through Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hours can be negotiated but must serve a minimum of four hours a day.

Qualifications and/or Skills Required

Ability to operate small engine machines; work in heat. Ability to work with manual hand tools, such as pruning shears, clippers and loppers. Experience in correct pruning and trimming preferred, but will train.

Native Plant Nursery Maintenance

Assigned Tasks

Collects seeds, propagates plants, feeds and waters plants in nursery.

Number of Hours Required

Negotiable - usually two to four hours.

Qualifications and/or Skills Required

Ability to work independently, perform light physical labor.

Trail Maintenance

Assigned Tasks

Upkeep of bike, canoe or other water vessel trails and/or hiking trails.

Number of Hours Required

A minimum of 4 hours per week unless it is a regularly scheduled workday. Down2Earth is currently holding a maintenance day every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Qualifications and/or Skills Required

Interest and/or experience in mountain biking, canoeing or kayaking activities. The ability to lift 25 pounds and utilize small hand tools.

Toll Collector (Weekends)

Assigned Tasks

Greets park visitors, answers questions, gives directions, interprets park rules, answers phone and collects fees. In some situations, may also be trained to assist with camper registrations. May be requested to assist in other duties.

Number of Hours Required

Must be a full workday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an hour for lunch. Number of days per week is negotiable. Camping volunteer position requires commitment of 21 hours per week, 3 days a week, for a minimum stay of two months.

Qualifications and/or Skills Required

Should enjoy dealing with the public. Should be able to work in a sometimes-stressful environment. Patience and tact is a must. Basic math skills for money handling and ability to keep records is required.

Mountain Bike Patrol

Assigned Tasks

Performs routine patrols of novice and intermediate level bike trails, informs visitors of helmet policies in a courteous and tactful manner and explains the use of loaner helmets located at the ranger station when available, assists cyclists with minor bicycle repairs, educates the public on the importance of the trail courtesy and respect and to stay on designated trails and follow trail directions, ensures all trail signs are properly posted and corrects any deficiencies, performs minor first aid to injured cyclists and assists with major incidents and emergencies on the trails, provides assistance with trail related special events. Encourages and promotes volunteerism on trails and throughout park.

Number of Hours Required

4 to 6 hours per shift. Especially needed on increased visitation or use days and during special events. Must have CPR training and approved by International Mountain Bike Association.

Qualifications

Intermediate mountain bike skills, a desire to interact with a diverse array of visitors and the desire to educate the public on park policies and philosophies, light bicycle maintenance skills and hand tool usage, willingness to learn park communication procedures, ability to provide minor first aid to trail users.

Hazards and/or Precautions

Exposure to sunlight and heat while patrolling trails. General outdoor hazards such as snakes, insects, poisonwood, poison ivy, etc. Steep hills and uneven terrain while patrolling the trail system. Contact with blood and bodily fluids when giving first aid. Always use gloves and protective equipment while providing first aid.

For additional information, please contact the park at (305) 919-1846.