

Volunteering provides a unique way to experience state parks that goes beyond what you get as a regular visitor.

We provide on-the-job training with guidance to help you utilize and increase your skills. You'll have fun and meet other people who love Texas parks.

*"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give."*

~Winston Churchill



## Texas Parks and Wildlife Department MISSION STATEMENT

*To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.*

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# BE A STATE PARK VOLUNTEER!



**Environmental Restoration** – Plant and care for native plants, as well as remove exotic “invader” plants. Learn the fundamentals of resource management and how parks strive to stay natural.

**Greeter** – Provide visitors with information on activities and facilities to ensure they have opportunities to enjoy all the park has to offer. This is a great opportunity to meet a variety of people who enjoy our state parks.

**Office Assistant** – Assist with visitor services and a variety of office tasks including copying, filing, data entry. Your customer service and office skills will be enhanced through this opportunity.

**Outreach Assistant** – Assist park staff with outreach programs, school field trips and other community-based activities. Gain hands-on experience working with the public to enhance their appreciation of our resources.

**Park Host** – Host Volunteers supplement staff in exchange for an RV site. They perform a variety of tasks depending on the specific needs of the park. Approximately 80 state parks participate in the host program.

**Park Maintenance** – Help us keep our parks looking their best by completing a variety of maintenance projects. This opportunity will allow you to gain and utilize skills in basic repairs.

**Special Event Assistant** – Assist park staff in promoting or conducting a special event. Duties may include leading an activity, to crowd control, and/or to setup and cleanup.



**State Park Friends Groups and Support Organizations** – These non-profit organizations, sometimes referred to as “friends groups,” work on behalf of park sites to assist with daily programs, special events, fund raising and public education. Over 45 parks have a friend’s group that you can join. If your favorite park doesn’t have one yet, talk to the manager about starting one.

**Tour/Nature Walk Guide or Docent** – Participate in park activities or facility tours. This is an opportunity to learn more about the natural and cultural history of the area and share your knowledge with visitors.



**Trail /Grounds Keeper** – Maintain trails and grounds to keep the park beautiful and accessible to all visitors. Training is given in techniques for tree pruning, constructing water bars and other essential tasks.