

## **Summary**

Backcountry Patrol volunteers travel less visited areas of larger wilderness and some regional parks to provide assistance to park rangers and augment their patrol functions. They report unusual activity, trail problems, or any other issues to park staff. They also provide assistance to park visitors when needed.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Provide uniformed volunteer presence in all areas of the park
- Patrol on foot, bicycle or horseback.
- Report adverse trail conditions.
- Provide basic first aid in the backcountry.
- Call for Park Ranger assistance when needed.

## **Eligibility**

- Complete all requirements as an OC Parks Volunteer.
- Cell phones are required in this volunteer assignment.
- Park staff recommendation is needed.
- For bike patrol, bike and rider must be pre-approved.
- For horse patrol, horse and rider must be pre-approved.

## **Training Path**

1. Complete OC Parks Volunteer training program.
  - a. Program Orientation Training
  - b. Background check
  - c. CPR and First Aid Certification
  - d. Complete site-specific training to receive park certification.
  - e. Receive OC Parks Volunteer uniform.
2. Complete Backcountry Patrol Training Sheet with park staff (when applicable).

## **Typical Schedule**

- Typically Saturdays and Sundays during normal park operating hours.
- May also provide patrols during special events or peak holidays.