

Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District

Volunteer Duty Statement

Seabird Monitoring

Sonoma Coast State Park

The purpose of this position is to monitor seabirds and ensure their protection through outreach and education and to further the mission of California State Parks: “To provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state’s extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.”

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Make a commitment to show up on time for monitoring shifts
- Use monitoring forms and equipment with accuracy
- Wear provided name badge and California State Parks Volunteer patch while volunteering
- Keep track of volunteer time and record it in Better Impact or report it to the State Parks Volunteer Coordinator, the Stewards Volunteer Coordinator, or the Stewards Program Assistant

Skills and Qualifications:

- Ability to identify seabirds and shorebirds
- Proficiency in recording accurate monitoring data on the forms provided
- Ability to use binoculars, spotting scope, and camera
- Access to reliable transportation to the Sonoma Coast

Time Commitment:

Shifts are scheduled weekly per site during the breeding season (March 1 through August 31). Volunteers should be available at least once a month for a shift during the breeding season.

Training:

Seabird Monitoring Training is required and provided by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. Bear in Mind EEO Training is required within 60 days of completing the paperwork and subsequently every two years.

Reporting:

The supervisor for this program is Visitor Services Program Manager, Tracy Weisberg. The lead for this program is the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods Program Director. Amelia Schall Tůmová is the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District Volunteer Coordinator (Amelia.Schall@parks.ca.gov).

Benefits:

Participation in a program which provides scientific data to ensure seabird protection. As a volunteer with California State Parks, logging 40 hours of volunteer time earns a complimentary district pass, and 200 hours of volunteer time earns a complimentary VIPP statewide pass for the next year. Please contact Amelia Schall Tůmová about reporting volunteer hours and making a plan to receive your pass in a timely manner.

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Partners:

Partners with Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods for this program include the Bureau of Land Management, California Coastal National Monument, and the Seabird Protection Network.

Conclusion:

The relationship between a volunteer and California State Parks must be one of mutual benefit. The Volunteer Service Agreement may be terminated at any time without cause and without advance notice.

If you willingly agree to perform all duties, please sign below.

State Park Volunteer

Date

State Park Representative

Date