



Russian River Sector State Parks Volunteer Program



- Title:** Pond Farm Docent
- Purpose:** To promote Pond Farm Pottery in Austin Creek State Recreation Area in the Russian River Sector State Parks
- Duties:** Upon successful completion of training, volunteers will lead docent tours of this historic site that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Volunteers will answer questions and give accurate information to park visitors relating to the history of Pond Farm Pottery. Volunteers will perform simple tasks like unlocking gates and facilities and setup photographer to enhance the interpretation of the site.
- Skills** Docents must have excellent communication skills and be able to learn and retain the historic details about the site. Docents will study the docent manual and develop a tour that is engaging for the public and elicits inquiry from participants. They must be courteous and offer friendly, accurate, and appropriate assistance to visitors whenever possible; capacity to work independently, as well as in cooperation with the Stewards' staff, State Parks' personnel and other volunteers.
- Reports to:** Stewards Volunteer Programs Manager under the supervision of Stewards' Executive Director
- Time:** Tours will be scheduled monthly and possibly on the 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9:30 to noon. Other tours may be scheduled for special groups and for school groups as well. Docents should commit to leading a tour with another docent at least once every couple months.
- Training:** Meets with Stewards staff; attend the General Volunteers in Parks Program Training, attend the Pond Farm Docent Training. Must read the Pond Farm Docent Manual. Shadow with an experienced docent until they feel ready to lead their own tour.
- Benefits:** Learn about the cultural and historical resources of the area, meet new and interesting people from all over the world while enriching and enhancing the experience of park visitors. Eligible for a District (16 volunteer hours) or Statewide (200 volunteer hours) Volunteer in Parks Day Use Pass.