



VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS (VIP)
John Muir National Historic Site
Martinez, CA



Job Title: Garden and Landscape Volunteer

Goal: Maintain and enhance the cultural and natural landscapes at the home of John Muir, including historic fruit orchards, ornamental garden plantings and riparian creek habitats.

Job Description

- Pruning fruit trees and ornamental shrubs
- Digging, planting and weeding around historic structures
- Hauling brush & debris to compost piles
- Assist in chipping of brush
- Spreading mulch
- Gathering fruit
- Keep tools and equipment clean and in working condition

Qualifications

- Ability to work outside for up to three hours at a time, in a variety of weather conditions.
- Ability to perform physical work, such as kneeling, digging, lifting, climbing ladders and pushing wheelbarrows.
- Ability to work within a group setting or individually, at times with minimal supervision.

Length of Commitment

- Commitment is flexible and schedule is arranged with National Park Service staff.
- Current volunteer day is Mondays, from 9am – 12pm

Benefits and Training

- Opportunities to enhance gardening and landscaping skills.
- Orientation and ongoing training about NPS cultural landscaping techniques.
- Quarterly volunteer newsletter and annual VIP recognition and awards.

Expectations

The grounds and landscapes of John Muir NHS will be maintained in a healthy, safe and historically accurate manner. All jobs will be performed within NPS policies and guidelines and with the attitude of “safety first, every job, every time.” Cultural, natural, and human resources will be protected. Visitors, NPS employees, partnering organizations and others will be treated with respect and without discrimination based on age, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, or religion.

While volunteers are recognized as partners with the NPS in protecting the resources and providing for visitor experiences at John Muir Historic Site, NPS has authority over the site and the decisions affecting the resources.

No housing or stipends are provided.

Reports To

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