



# Volunteers-In-Parks Program

## Guidelines for Use of the Official Volunteers-In-Parks Program Insignia

The following guidelines establish the official use, display, distribution, and disposal of the National Park Service's Volunteers-In-Parks official insignia. The new designs are the official insignia as of January 1, 2004.

### Use of VIP Insignia

The VIP insignia (also referred to as logo or patch) is the official Volunteers-In-Parks uniform for the National Park Service. The items that are available to the field are shoulder and cap patches, lapel pins, stickers, and certificates.

All patches are to be displayed in the same manner and proximity as the previous insignia.

Every volunteer for the National Park Service will receive a standard VIP patch (green border). Those who commit to at least 500 hours of service per year or are members of a specialized VIP group such as Artists-In-Residence, Geoscientists-In-Parks (GIP), Volunteer Laureate program, Volunteer Senior Ranger Corps, or Trails and Rails program can receive the Master Ranger Corps patch (red border).

VIP funds may be used for tailoring, alteration fees, etc., if desired, as part of uniform costs. Contact your Regional VIP Coordinator for additional information or ideas.

### Disposal of Old Patch

Any remaining "old-style" patches should be destroyed or disposed of by any means to be decided by park management. Please do not send them to the regional offices or the Washington Office.

The NPS arrowhead and the VIP logo (old and new) are copyrighted images protected by federal law. They are for official use and should be respected and displayed and/or disposed of appropriately as befitting symbols of a federal program.



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