

About Canyon Keepers

The Canyon Keepers are a volunteer group who provide assistance to the professional State Park ranger staff in the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA). We help State Parks by providing information and assistance to people visiting the recreation area in a number of ways. We set up visitor assistance tables at key locations in ASRA during spring and summer months. We conduct docent led hikes in the park, teach history of the indigenous people, gold mining, and other topics of historic interest, as well as the flora, fauna, and natural ecosystems in the American River Canyons. We do trail maintenance, tend a native garden, conduct Leave No Trace patrols and teach safety around the river. We also assist with a Junior Ranger program. If you are interested in this duty assignment, contact the state park office- Joe Shanahan at:

Joseph.Shanahan@parks.ca.gov, 530-745-2202

Our main duty period is from early spring through the end of September. To join the Canyon Keepers, you must volunteer, agree to attend training sessions and complete State Parks paperwork. You will be trained by professional rangers and canyon keeper volunteers. You then commit to at least 20 hours of volunteer service for the year, to remain an active volunteer.

Join us for our monthly meetings! Refreshments are served at 5:45 PM with meeting beginning at 6:15 PM. The public is welcome. Meeting times are listed on the home page with a link: "Meeting Schedule". For further information or if you would like to join Canyon Keepers, please contact Cathie Rohlfs at 916-663-1339 or email cathiebandage3@yahoo.com

