

# El Paso County Volunteer Opportunities | 2019

El Paso County offers a wide variety of individual and group volunteer opportunities within our Parks, Trails and Open Spaces. Please review our list of volunteer opportunities below and contact our Park District Supervisors for more details and to coordinate your project. You may also contact our Community Outreach Coordinator, Dana Nordstrom at [dananordstrom@elpasoco.com](mailto:dananordstrom@elpasoco.com) or (719)520-6983.

We greatly appreciate your interest in volunteering with El Paso County Parks!



## El Paso County Central Park District

Kyle Melvin (719)520-6976 [kylemelvin@elpasoco.com](mailto:kylemelvin@elpasoco.com)

- Bear Creek Regional Park
- Bear Creek Dog Park
- Bear Creek Nature Center
- Rainbow Falls Historical Site
- Ute Pass Regional Trail
- Jones Park
- Downtown Facilities

### **Trail Maintenance and Restoration**

- Corridor clearing
- Social trail closure and reclamation
- Drainage improvements
- Tread restoration

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate/High

Group size: 5-30

## **Facility Improvements**

- Archery Range restoration
- Pavilion restoration / painting
- Playground repairs

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: 5-30

## **Landscape Renovation**

- Tree planting
- Complete landscape bed renovation
- Annual and perennial planting

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: 5-30

## **Park Clean-up**

- Remove trash from natural areas, parking lots, and active use areas
- Remove pet waste along trails and Bear Creek Dog Park

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

## **Noxious Weed Control**

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

## **El Paso County North Park District**

Nathan Robinson (719)488-3670 [nathanrobinson@elpasoco.com](mailto:nathanrobinson@elpasoco.com)

- **Fox Run Regional Park**
- **Fox Run Dog Park**
- **Black Forest Regional Park**
- **Black Forest Section 16**
- **Santa Fe Regional Trail**
- **Pineries Open Space**

## **Trail Maintenance and Restoration**

- Corridor clearing
- Social trail closure and reclamation
- Drainage improvements
- Tread restoration
- Install trail signage
- Construct tier I, III, and IV trails

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate / High

Group size: 5-30

## **Facility Improvements**

- Kiosk construction
- Memorial bench installation
- Pavilion and restroom restoration / painting

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: 5-30

## **Park Clean-up**

- Remove trash from natural areas, parking lots, and active use areas
- Clean streams and ponds
- Remove pet waste along trails and Fox Run Dog Park

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

## **Noxious Weed Control – Common Mullein (August – September)**

- Mechanically remove Mullein seed heads
- Mechanically remove knapweed, thistle, and toadflax

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

## **Forestry and Fire Mitigation**

- Remove dense pine sapling growth and fuel reduction
- Build slash piles to reduce ground fuels

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: Unlimited

## **El Paso County East Park District**

Adam Baker (719)520-7881 [adambaker@elpasoco.com](mailto:adambaker@elpasoco.com)

- **County Fairgrounds**
- **Homestead Ranch Regional Park**
- **Paint Mines Regional Park**
- **Rock Island Regional Trail**

## **County Fair Support**

- Event and contest support
- Event ushers
- Assist creative arts program
- Fairgrounds trash removal and cleanup

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

## **Facility Improvements**

- Stain / paint fences and railings
- Refurbish picnic tables

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: 5-20

## **Noxious Weed Control – Common Mullein (August – September)**

- Mechanically remove Mullein seed heads

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

## **Forestry and Fire Mitigation**

- Remove dense pine sapling growth and fuel reduction

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: Unlimited

## **Trail Maintenance and Restoration**

- Corridor clearing
- Trash, weed, debris removal

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: Unlimited

## **Park Clean-up**

- Remove trash from natural areas, parking lots, and active use areas
- Clean streams and ponds
- Remove pet waste along trails and Dog Park

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

## El Paso County South Park District

Patrick Salamon (719)382-6777 [patrickssalamon@elpasoco.com](mailto:patrickssalamon@elpasoco.com)

- **Willow Springs**
- **Fountain Creek Regional Park**
- **Crews Gulch Trail**
- **Stratmoor Hills Park**
- **Stratmoor Valley Park**
- **Widefield Community Park**

### **Park Clean-up**

- Remove trash from natural areas, parking lots, and active use areas
- Clean streams and ponds
- Remove pet waste along trails and Dog Park
- Refill pet waste dispensers (used plastic grocery bags)
- Spring cleaning, leaf removal

Difficulty: Easy

Skill level: Low

Group size: Unlimited

### **Facility Improvements**

- Graffiti clean-up/paint over
- Kiosk cleaning
- Minor structural repairs to fences and memorial gazebo
- Pavilion and restroom restoration / painting

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: 5-30

### **Landscape Maintenance**

- Annual and perennial planting
- Weed removal
- Rock and Mulch replenish in beds
- Playground Fibar (safety surface mulch) replenish

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: 5-30

### **Trail Maintenance and Restoration**

- Minor rut and washout repairs
- Corridor clearing
- Trash, debris removal

Difficulty: Moderate

Skill level: Moderate

Group size: 5-30

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