

2017 Volunteer Project Ideas

This list identifies projects in Santa Rosa's parks for community groups or individuals who are looking for ways to help. Many of these would make great Eagle Scout projects. This list is updated frequently.

If your group is interested in longer-term, ongoing maintenance of a specific site, our Adopt-A-Green Space program is a great option. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for more info.

Santa Rosa Park Projects

1. A Place to Play – blackberry and non-native vegetation removal at west end of park
2. A Place to Play – planting and maintaining butterfly plants
3. A Place to Play – owl boxes and raptor perch
4. Bellevue Ranch Park – planting and maintaining butterfly plants
5. Bennett Valley roadsides and medians – April and October volunteer workdays
6. Doyle Park – restoration of native plant habitat in entrance
7. Doyle Park – new park signs
8. Finley Community Park and Person Senior Wing – repair existing and build new split-rail fences around oak trees
9. Finley Community Park – remove cobble stones from entry oak
10. Juilliard Park – paint restroom building exterior
11. Mesquite Park - replace redwood park sign at Mesquite Dr. end of the park
12. Nagasawa Park – clearing blackberry bushes in spillway
13. Nagasawa Park – build new kiosk (4-5 people)
14. North Park – extensive ivy removal
15. Skyhawk Park – fix split rail fence along the nature trail up to the play area
16. Skyhawk Park – trail rehab work
17. Southwest Park – reconstruction of split rail fence between parking lot and park
18. Steele Lane Community Center – interior painting in the hub room, re-stripping carpet
19. Steele Lane Community Center – cleaning kitchen cupboards & repapering
20. Tanglewood Park – install new bollards
21. Various parks: painting wooden benches and picnic tables, raking play area sand, cleaning out BBQs, spreading mulch

Howarth Park Projects:

1. Repair and/or replace trail marker posts where needed (evaluate).
2. Interpretive signage around the lake, trails, facilities
3. Paved trail to Spring Lake: removal of exotic plants (pampas grass, scotch broom) clean up downed brush, fill in ruts (shale).
4. Close "bonehead" trail at Y between Fisherman's & Paved (add dirt, plants, rocks to discourage use).

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5. Lake Ralphine Island – clear blackberry bushes/plants for visibility
6. “Mr. Pipe” pathway (top of parking lot) and/or Wa-tam path – add/pack dirt to eroded areas (many rocks sticking up).
7. Build a portable toilet surround
8. Restriping parking lot
9. Install new floats for boathouse dock

Howarth Park Maintenance

1. Litter pick-up
2. Spread wood chips in picnic areas
3. Removal of invasive plants (Ivy from trees near entrance/house, trails)
4. Weeding: entryway, islands, play areas
5. Weed-whack, prune, and cut suckers in area around house
6. Weedwack areas by dam, trail head, house, hillside
7. Play Areas: clean/rake sand, weeding, clean surfacing & features; move sand back to appropriate areas
8. Tennis Court Cleaning (blow, clean with water broom)
9. Train Tracks – remove deadwood, debris, weed eating, clean up
10. Clean carousel, train, boats, or barn interior (depending on time of year)
11. Remove tacks/staples from picnic tables and paint.
12. Prune suckers on the far side of the dam
13. Clean out/ cut suckers along spillway
14. Weeding warning track on ballfield
15. Clear weeds at train pond