

# About Canyon Keepers

The Canyon Keepers are a volunteer group who provide assistance to the professional ranger staff by volunteering docent duty for the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA). We help in the capacity of providing information to visitors of the park and provide assistance to people visiting the American River confluence area by standing a 4 or 6 hour rotational watch during the weekends in summer months. We conduct monthly hikes in the park, teach history of the indigenous people, history of gold mining; once teeming with miners throughout the area, bridges past and present, fauna, animals, do trail maintenance, and teach safety around the river. We also assist with a Junior Ranger program. (The Junior Ranger program requires special qualifications. If you are interested in this venue, contact the state park office or Sue Grogan at [suewithjrrangers@gmail.com](mailto:suewithjrrangers@gmail.com) )

Our duty period is from Memorial Day weekend through end of September. To join the Canyon Keepers, you must volunteer, agree to attend a one day training period, and pay \$5.00 dollars annually. You will be trained by professional rangers and canyon keeper volunteers. You may volunteer for any hours on our schedule that you want, however if you complete 40 hours of volunteer time for the year, as a reward for completing these 40 hours, you will be provided with a parking pass good for the Gold Fields district which allows free parking and day use of the Gold Fields state park areas. (ASRA, Folsom SRA, Oroville SRA, etc.) (Hours may change as needed by state parks requirements annually.) The pass will be handed out at the beginning of the next year once you have completed your 40 hours.

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 Rohlfes at 916-663-1339 or email [cathiebandage3@yahoo.com](mailto:cathiebandage3@yahoo.com)

