

VWR Wilderness Patrol

A. Key Purposes:

1. Educate the visitors about Forest Service lands and protection of Wilderness.
2. Serve as the “eyes and ears” of the Forest Service.
3. Help preserve the Wilderness by maintaining trails and campsites, and reporting any problems we encounter. (Need camera, notepad, pen, saw and loppers)

B. Duties:

1. Assist forest visitors
2. Count the number of visitors, cars at trailheads
3. Check permits and note violations
4. Potential cross-country patrol of backcountry
5. Illegal fire ring removal
6. Make sure camp sites are being used properly
7. Trail maintenance & trash removal
8. Volunteer cross-cut saw crew
9. Maintain Forest Service presence
10. Pack in services for Research, Historical and some non-profit organizations

B. Patrol Requirements:

1. Access to your own hiking gear including weather appropriate clothing.
2. Your own transportation to the trailhead.
3. Adequate hiking experience and training. Must be comfortable with hiking steep mountainous and varied terrain that may be encountered.

D. Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Training Program:

1. Yearly re-certification training day participation-4 hours

E. Do's for all Ranger/Volunteers:

1. Be courteous at all times.
2. Be prepared to answer questions asked.
3. Follow the rules for Leave No Trace (LNT).
4. Have a working hand-held radio and SAT phone at all times with extra batteries.
5. Travel with at least one other person.
6. Always advise the Forest Service personnel when you go out, your route of travel and when your expected return date is (get project approval and file overnight plans if necessary)

F. Don'ts for all Ranger/Volunteers:

1. Attempt to enforce any law enforcement issues.
2. Make up answers. If you are unsure of a question, take a name and phone number and call them back when the answer is obtained.
3. Argue with forest visitors. If a discussion begins to escalate, excuse yourself and walk away.
4. Attempt any task that could consequently result in injury.
5. Travel by yourself.