



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting
May 22, 2024

January 2024 Volunteer Hours = 297.5

Volunteers included:

- Arboretum gardeners and May Arboretum Society members
- Todd Harmon, an individual volunteering with the Bartley Ranch rangers
- Tim Torell, wildlife researcher and photographer at Bowers Mansion Regional Park
- LDS Church missionaries at Davis Creek
- Galena Creek Visitors Center volunteers
- Hive volunteers that unlock the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Discovery Room volunteers that helped with the Exhibition Dinosaur preview day at the May Museum.
- Gear Hut volunteering at Huffaker Hills Trailhead, whose 13 volunteers picked up 87 pounds of dog poop in 0.3 miles of trail!

February 2024 Volunteer Hours =210.75

Volunteers included:

- Arboretum gardeners and May Arboretum Society members
- Members of the National Guard that cleaned up tumbleweeds at Bartley Ranch
- Todd Harmon and Connor Smith, individuals assisting the rangers at Bartley Ranch and Mayberry Park
- Tim Torell, wildlife researcher and photographer at Bowers Mansion Regional Park
- LDS Church missionaries at Davis Creek
- Galena Creek Visitors Center volunteers
- Hive volunteers that unlock the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Gear Hut volunteered again at Huffaker Hills Trailhead to remove weeds and pick up trash.
- Master Gardeners worked in the community garden at Rancho San Rafael park to prepare the garden beds for the spring season.



March 2024 Volunteer Hours = 843.75

Volunteers included:

- Arboretum gardeners and May Arboretum Society volunteers working in the garden and preparing for the May Arboretum Society Plant Sale
- Tim Torell, wildlife researcher and photographer at Bowers Mansion Regional Park
- LDS Church missionaries at Davis Creek
- Gearhut, Park Adopter, at Huffaker Hills Trailhead
- Galena High School Red Cross Club at South Valleys Regional Park
- Galena Creek Visitors Center volunteers
- Hive volunteers that unlock the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Wildwood Open Lands Foundation at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park
- Ridgeline Apps at Callahan Park
- Spanish Springs High School Honors Club at Eagle Canyon
- LDS Church at Lazy 5
- Master Gardeners working in the community garden at Rancho San Rafael
- Reno Disc Golf Association making improvement to the split rail at the Ranch Disc Golf Course
- UNR's Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Rancho San Rafael

April 2024 Volunteer Hours = 2,733.25

Volunteers included:

- AAA participated in Truckee Meadows Trails Trail Day at Hidden Valley Regional Park
- Arboretum gardeners and May Arboretum Society members
- Master Gardeners working in the community garden at Rancho San Rafael
- Tim Torell, wildlife researcher and photographer at Bowers Mansion Regional Park
- LDS Church missionaries at Davis Creek Regional Park
- Galena Creek Visitors Center volunteers
- Hive volunteers that unlock the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Clasen Quality Chocolate for two days at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Pack 150, park adopters at Davis Creek Regional Park
- Starbucks sprucing up the outside of Bowers Mansion
- Air National Guard and Sutton Place Financial Services at Bartley Ranch Regional Park
- Truckee Meadows Community College Promise Scholars who have to volunteer 8 hours per semester to retain their scholarship at various park locations such as



Galena Creek, Lockwood, Lazy 5 Regional Park, Rancho San Rafael and the Pah Rah Trailhead.

- Abbi Advertising Agency at Galena Creek Regional Park
- Caramella Ranch at the Galena Creek Visitor's Center
- KTMB Saturday Morning Community Cleanup at Lockwood Park
- McKinstry at Mayberry Park
- Volunteers that helped with setup/takedown and kids crafts during Farm Day at Rancho San Rafael Park
- UNR iServe, UNR Pre-dental society, UNR Study Abroad Coalition, Quility Insurance, and Tesla all at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park
- The Keep Truckee Meadows Cleanup took place on Saturday, April 27 and Washoe County locations included Swan Lake Nature Study Area, North Valleys Regional Park, Lockwood, Bartley Ranch, Anderson Park, Galena Creek Visitor's Center, Crystal Peak, Riverbend Open Space, Dorostkar, and Michael D. Tompson trailhead for a total of 273 volunteers in our locations alone!

2024 is starting strong, including an extraordinary spring season!

There were approximately 200 more hours in January and February this year due to better weather and improvements made in tracking volunteer time. And while spring and fall are traditionally the busiest time of year for volunteering, this past March and April stood out with 1,245 more hours than the same time period last year.