

Remove and Restore

(Must be completed within one month of application approval)

Help rid Marin County of invasive plant species that are dominating local parks, and encourage native plants to thrive! Keeping the precious wild places in Marin County filled with native plants, strengthens ecosystems and supports wildlife with natural habitat and food sources. Join Marin County staff and other members of the community during one of the weekly Community Volunteer Days. Spend a morning assisting with invasive plant removal, native plantings, and land restoration, at one of the beautiful Marin County parks. You must have an adult join you at the event, and take a picture of the work that you do. Answer some questions about your experience, and ask one of the Marin Parks Staff to fill out a brief form. Must be completed within one month of project approval.

Project Steps and Guidelines:

1. Fill out a Jr. Volunteer application, and send it into WildCare. Make sure to **visit the Marin County Parks website at marincountyparks.org, and check out their Events Calendar to see upcoming Community Volunteer Days**; these are shown in green on the County Parks calendar.
2. Upon receiving official Volunteer approval, begin preparing for your chosen volunteer day. Make sure that you have read the details of the Volunteer Event that you have chosen, and are aware of the following:
 - **Event date, start time, and meeting location**
 - Any **necessary gear** that you may need (work gloves, boots etc.)
 - Weather **appropriate clothing** (check the weather to see if you need a sun hat, rain gear etc.)
 - A **copy of the project verification form** for the Parks staff to sign off on, and something to write with
 - At least **one adult that is able to remain with you during the entire Community Volunteer Event**
 - RVSP to the event, if it is asked of you under the event details
3. Arrive on time to the event that you have chosen, and introduce yourself to the Marin County Parks staff member who is leading the event. Explain why you are eager to participate in the event, and ask them if they would please sign off on your volunteer work at the end of the event. (**Note: in order to earn full credit as a WildCare Jr. Volunteer, you must remain for the entire volunteer event**)
4. During the invasive plant removal (or native planting or restoration event) **take a picture** of you and the work that you are doing to help ensure healthy, native habitat for local wildlife.
5. After the event, have the **Marin County Parks staff member sign the ‘Remove and Restore’ completion form**. Remember to thank the staff member, too!
6. Volunteers must complete the **Project Wrap-Up Question Sheet** after the event
7. Email the following to WildCare (volunteer@wildcarebayarea.org):
 - A **photo of you** during your Remove and Restore event. Photos may be posted electronically or physically at WildCare. Please **fill out and submit a photo permission form**. If this is something that you or your parent are uncomfortable with, please let us know and your photo will not be posted.
 - **“Remove and Restore” Completion Form**, signed by a Marin County Parks staff member.
 - Completed project follow up questions.**(Jr. Volunteers must submit these four items in order to earn official WildCare recognition!)**

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*Remember to bring this form with you to the event

Comment [1]:

Jr. WildCare Volunteer Name: _____

Adult Accompanying Volunteer to Event: _____

Date of Volunteer Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

Start time: _____

End Time: _____ (Volunteers must *stay for entire event*)

(Above section is to be filled out by Jr. Wildlife Volunteer)

(Below section to be filled out by Marin County Parks Staff Member)

As a Marin County Parks Staff Member that led the Community Volunteer Event, I officially recognize that the Jr. WildCare Volunteer listed above was present and helped contribute to the volunteer effort today. The removal or restoration work done by this volunteer today will help impact native wildlife by:

Signature of Parks Staff: _____

Date: _____