



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW TOUGH BIKERS.



Attention Mountain Bikers of all ages!

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, California State Parks and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority need a very important natural resource: YOU! Hop on your mountain bike and help patrol our parks!

The natural wilderness and wildlife habitat of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties include the Santa Monica Mountains, the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, San Gabriel, La Cresenta, Simi and Conejo Valleys, the Whittier/Puente Hills, and the Los Angeles River.

These spectacular coastal and inland mountain ranges give Los Angelinos an easily accessible escape from the traffic, noise and urban congestion. But more visitors mean more patrols are necessary to keep our parks clean and safe. There's an extraordinary range of wildlife including bobcats, mountain lions, ringtail cats, grey fox and golden eagles. The bike trails are breathtaking, and as you ride, you will know that you are actively doing something to preserve our gorgeous landscapes. When you join our patrol, you'll help keep a watchful eye on our precious land.

Benefits of joining the Mountain Bike Unit (MBU).

As a MBU patroller, you'll participate in training activities, learn about the fascinating features of the California Mountains, cultural and natural history, as well as regulations and facilities at the various parks.

When you patrol the trails, you'll always travel in pairs. We provide the uniform, radio and a pack containing maps, brochures and first aid kit. Some of your responsibilities will include wildfire awareness, making sure people follow the rules regarding dogs, and reporting (via radio) any injuries so they can get immediate attention. Your basic job will be to observe and recognize any acts that may become a potential hazard to the safety of people and property in the park.

If you are a night person, you can sign up for the night patrols, since many Californians like to enjoy the great outdoors by moonlight.

Do good and feel good.

Currently there are approximately 100 mountain bike patrol volunteers ranging in ages from 21 - 75, and the list is growing. The Parks Department requires a minimum of 8 patrol hours per month, however these hours can be divided up any way that fits your schedule. It's not just the public assistance and resource protection that will make you feel great, and it's not only about how riding is healthy for your heart and mind. It's that you'll be enhancing the experience and safety of nature lovers who have come to enjoy the beauty of our state.

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