



Volunteer Program

Description

It is nice to wake up in the morning and watch the sun rising while all the birds are singing. This can happen in Palo Verde and it is a unique experience.

This National Park was founded on June 13 of 1980 and has a total area of 19 804 hectares. It is a Sanctuary for resident and migratory birds, this due to the large amount of Swamps, lagoons, Mangroves and marshes. You can see birds like Scarlet Macaws, black-crowned black herons, spoonbills among many other species.

As well you can see animals like white faced monkeys, howler monkeys, Crocodiles, Iguanas, white tail deer, and many others. The park has trails named: La venada (The female deer), El mapache (the racoon), and El manigordo (ocelot). Along the trails there are three lockouts, Cerro Pelón, Guayacan and La roca.

Location

It is located in the Tempisque Conservation Area, in the province of Guanacaste, about 30 km from the city of Bagaces, between the Tempisque and Bebedero Rivers.

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How to get there

Public transportation in Costa Rica is quite inexpensive and you can get almost everywhere by bus. When you are sure where you are going we will give you the bus schedule and the final tips to get to your host park



General Tasks

The most important requirements for this volunteer program are:

Hard working skills, ecologically sensitive, willing to learn about new cultures and the most important one: enthusiasm.

In most of the projects there will be a volunteer coordinator in charge to assign the jobs but you are welcome to help anytime you consider is needed. We appreciate creativity. Maintenance and reconstruction of the trails, general infrastructure maintenance, tourist attention, control walks

Accommodation

The volunteers will be placed in the park ranger's house. The amount of drinking water is limited. Electricity is available.

Food

It will be provided at the National park. The food is Costa Rican typical food so you will be eating a lot of rice and beans and they are mainly served with some type of meat and sometimes you can enjoy tropical fruits. If you are vegetarian or have any special dietary restrictions let us know. In most of the cases there is a cook in charge of the meal preparation but if not you may have the chance to learn how to prepare Costa Rican food.



Free time

You can choose your free day; you can leave early morning and be back before dusk.

What to bring

- High quality Rain gear (it can really rain in the tropics)
- Good quality shoes for walking (in turtle projects walks can be very long) and sandals
- Flashlight and batteries (headlamps are a very good idea as well as rechargeable batteries)
- Alarm clock (battery powered) and a wristwatch
- Swimsuit
- First-aid kit (if you have special medication let us know, anti-itch lotion is a good idea tropical, mosquitoes can be vicious)
- Insect repellent
- Towel (fast drying ones are ideal).
- Waterproof Sunscreen (bring a lot, sun rays are very strong)
- Sunglasses
- Camera and film (water proof can be a good idea for baby turtles in the water)
- Journal (it will be an unforgettable experience)
- Light clothing (it dries fast)
- Bring a jacket it can get a little chilly
- Mosquito net and bed linen (sleeping bag is an option as well)
- Personal hygiene items
- Snacks (you will be provided with 3 meals per day)





- Entertainment things like: books, music, guitar, paints, cards
- Pocket Spanish dictionary (may be useful)

FAQ

Are male volunteers preferred over female volunteers? No

What level of Spanish is needed? Basic

Is there a minimum age requirement? Yes, 18 years old.

Is experience necessary? No prior experience is necessary, however you must have the ability to adapt to a tropical environment, be in excellent health, and willing to help in the conservation area.



Recommendations

Please keep your belongings in order, maintain your personal hygiene (due to tropical weather conditions it is highly recommended to shower everyday), do not seat at the table without a shirt and keep good manners. Every national park has specific behavior rules so please follow them.

It is prohibited to drink alcohol and to use illegal drugs.

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