



Volunteer!

Xtreme Weeding & Trail Maintenance

THE RESERVE
AT
RANCHO MISSION VIEJO

GET OUTDOORS FOR A STIMULATING WORKOUT!

- Ready to battle the bulge outside the local gym?
- Bored with backyard weeding?
- Need community service hours pronto?
- Want a fulfilling corporate, church, school, scout or youth group outing?
- Worried about aliens attacking from outer space?

Hollywood has it wrong! *Invasive weeds are taking over South Orange County right now!* Defend your home turf by joining a volunteer Trail Maintenance and Xtreme Weeding Crew!!

The Reserve needs help keeping trails groomed & aggressive weeds at bay. **Volunteer workdays are scheduled 8:00–11:30a on every 2nd Saturday and 4th Friday of the month.** We can schedule a custom date for groups—including youth groups—of 10 or more.

Make your volunteer experience more meaningful! Schedule an informative presentation for your group or school. Learn more about the importance of invasives management in habitat preservation for native wildlife.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Reservations required. Send email with your name, telephone number, and number of volunteers* in your party to <staff@rmvreserve.org>.

Arrive promptly! Some *Reserve* locations are located on private land behind a locked gate. Latecomers will be unable to get in!

When all volunteers have checked in, you will caravan to the worksite. (Typically, you must drive from the check-in site to the work site.)

The Reserve supplies gloves, tools, training and water refills. We finish with a snack, after which the group will return together to the check-in point.

***Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate in regularly scheduled trail clearing dates. Older teens who cannot drive their own vehicle must be accompanied by an adult.**



BECOME A SUPPORTER!

Become a *Reserve* supporter! Annual dues of \$25/individual or \$45/family entitle you to free or reduced price admittance to *Reserve* events, including seasonal flower walks, butterfly hikes, bat walks, and more! Check out our website and online calendar for details.

WHAT TO WEAR & BRING

- Wear **closed-toe shoes** such as work boots, hiking boots, or sturdy walking shoes. **No sandals or flip-flops.**
- **Dress in layers.** Temperatures may be cool in the early morning.
- Hat, sunglasses & sunscreen recommended.
- For protection against scratchy plants & biting critters, wear **long pants & sleeves.**
- **Bring water** in a small pack to keep hands free for carrying tools.



The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo—a growing habitat reserve located on historic Rancho Mission Viejo—is managed by the non-profit ***Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust***, a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is “to preserve and enhance Reserve lands for ecological, educational, charitable, conservation, open space, scientific, and recreational uses.” Through our public access and education programs, visitors can experience the natural beauty of South Orange County.

Visit “theconservancy.org”, email <staff@rmvreserve.org> or call 949-489-9778 to learn more.