

## **Volunteer Project Ideas**

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This list identifies projects in Santa Rosa's parks for community groups or individuals who are looking for ways to help. Many of these would make great Eagle Scout projects.

Our Adopt-A-Green Space program is an excellent option if your group is interested in longer-term, ongoing maintenance of a specific site. Please get in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator for more info at [volunteersantarosa@srcity.org](mailto:volunteersantarosa@srcity.org) or (707) 543-3279

If your group is interested in attending our Park-A-Month clean-up event, visit [www.srcity.org/1028/Park-A-Month-Program](http://www.srcity.org/1028/Park-A-Month-Program) for information on how to sign up.

### **Santa Rosa Park Projects**

1. A Place to Play – blackberry and non-native vegetation removal at the west end of the park
2. A Place to Play – owl boxes and raptor perch
3. Bellevue Ranch Park – planting and maintaining butterfly plants
4. Bennett Valley roadsides and medians – April and October volunteer workdays
5. Coffey Park – planting and maintaining Pollinator Garden
6. Doyle Park – the restoration of native plant habitat in entrance
7. Finley Community Park and Person Senior Wing – repair existing and build new split-rail fences around oak trees
8. Finley Community Park – remove cobblestones from entry oak
9. Finley Community Park – refurbish and install kiosk, tennis, and pickleball courts
10. Mesquite Park – replace redwood park sign at Mesquite Dr. end of the park
11. Nagasawa – owl boxes and raptor perch
12. North Park – extensive ivy removal
13. Rural Cemetery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month workday
14. Skyhawk Park – fix split rail fence along the nature trail up to the play area
15. Skyhawk Park – trail rehab work
16. Southwest Park – reconstruction of split rail fence between the parking lot and park
17. Steele Lane Community Center – landscape, weeding, spreading mulch, light tree trimming
18. Tanglewood Park – install new bollards
19. Various parks – painting wooden benches and picnic tables, raking play area sand, cleaning out BBQs, spreading mulch, installing new park signs

### **Howarth Park Projects**

1. Repair and/or replace trail marker posts where needed (evaluate)
2. Interpretive signage around the lake, trails, facilities
3. The paved trail to Spring Lake: removal of exotic plants (pampas grass, scotch broom), clean-up downed brush, fill in ruts (shale)
4. Close “bonehead” trail at Y between Fisherman’s & Paved (add dirt, plants, rocks to discourage use)
5. Rehabilitation of Old Western Town & Cutouts

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6. Lake Ralphine Island – clear blackberry bushes/plants for visibility
7. “Mr. Pipe” pathway (top of parking lot) and/or Wa-Tam path – add/pack dirt to eroded areas (many rocks sticking up)
8. Build a portable toilet surround
9. Restriping parking lot
10. Install new floats for boathouse dock

## **Howarth Park Maintenance**

1. Litter pick-up
2. Spread wood chips in picnic areas
3. Removal of invasive plants (ivy from trees near entrance/house, trails)
4. Weeding: entryway, islands, play areas
5. Weed-whack, prune, and cut suckers in the area around the house
6. Weed-whack areas by the dam, trailhead, house, hillside
7. Play Areas: clean/rake sand, weeding, clean surfaces & features; move sand back to appropriate areas
8. Tennis Court cleaning (blow, clean with water broom)
9. Train Tracks – remove deadwood, debris, weed eating, clean-up
10. Clean carousel, train, boats, or barn interior (depending on the time of year)
11. Remove tacks/staples from picnic tables and paint
12. Prune suckers on the far side of the dam
13. Clean out/cut suckers along the spillway
14. Weeding warning track on the ballfield
15. Clear weeds at train pond