

MISSION:

The Parks Project serves as a comprehensive online directory of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County Parks and a resource to explore the history and biodiversity that call those parks home.

GOALS:*Awareness*

- ❖ Inform community members of park amenities, unique histories, and biodiversity specific to each park in the Truckee Meadows.

Appreciation

- ❖ Inspire a sense of wonder and awe in the biodiversity and shared history found in our parks.

Stewardship

- ❖ Encourage the ongoing preservation of our parks by providing accessible resources that promote a communal sense of responsibility and highlight sustainable actions.

History Researcher Position Description

About:

History Researchers with the Parks Foundation are vital volunteers that research and write information on the Truckee Meadows' parks and local history. Their work is published online as part of the Parks Foundation's Parks Project, a free community resource detailing the Truckee Meadows' parks, history, and biodiversity.

History Researchers are asked to volunteer *at least* 3 hours of their time each month, with specific deadlines and commitments flexible from person-to-person.

We are looking for volunteers who:

- Are self-driven
- Are passionate about Reno's parks, trails, and open spaces
- Have an interest and/or background in local history
- Are effective communicators
- Are looking to develop professional skills

We are looking for volunteers who possess or have the passion to improve the following skills:

- Ability to be a storyteller- don't just state the facts, tell us the story!
- Ability to write in a style that aligns with the organization's voice
- Ability to research local history using approved web sources, interviews, and local archives

- Ability to cite sources in accordance with organization's policy

Benefits of volunteering for the Parks Project:

- Development of professional skills and experience that will enhance an application or resume
- Flexible time commitment and schedule
- Ability to volunteer remotely (Covid safe)
- Develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of Reno's parks and local history
- Build and/or hone historical research and writing skills
- Contribute to a free community resource that makes a difference

For more information or to get started, contact Spencer Cox at spencer@tmparksfoundation.org