



# Adopt-A-Mile Program

The American River Parkway is a 4,800-acre park along 23 miles of the American River in Sacramento, California. The American River Parkway Foundation (ARPF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1983 to foster environmental stewardship along the American River Parkway.

In 1993, ARPF founded the Adopt-A-Mile program to give community members the opportunity to have a direct stake in the well-being of the Parkway. There are two ways to become involved with this program – **Volunteer Mile Stewards** and **Financial Mile Stewards**. Individuals, families, businesses, clubs, religious institutions and athletic organizations are among the many community members who have adopted a mile as a Mile Steward or a Mile Sponsor. There are 46 miles for adoption – one for the north bank and one for the south bank of each mile of the Parkway. Volunteer Mile Stewards and Financial Mile Stewards receive a placard with their name on the mile marker along the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail (see photo), and are invited to attend regular seminars and trainings with ARPF.

## **Volunteer Mile Steward**

Volunteer Mile Stewards make a 2-year commitment of at least 20 volunteer hours per quarter on clean-up and maintenance projects on their mile. Volunteer activities include trash pickup, trail maintenance, weed removal, graffiti removal, and other special projects. Each year, Volunteer Mile Stewards provide more than 3,000 hours of service to the American River Parkway.

## **Financial Mile Steward**

Financial Mile Stewards make a 2-year commitment of \$1,500 per year, which helps ARPF provide Volunteer Mile Stewards with supplies and equipment to maintain and improve their mile. Mile sponsorship ensures adopted miles are clean and accessible for the millions of visitors the Parkway receives each year.

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