

National Wildlife Refuge System

The National Wildlife Refuge System is the most extensive network of lands designated to protect and conserve wildlife and habitat. The refuge system stretches across the U.S. from the Arctic Circle in Alaska to the tropical waters of the Caribbean and the South Pacific. These lands encompass more than 540 refuges and 92 million acres. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service administers this impressive network of lands to preserve wildlife and wild lands for future generations.

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge is 140,000 acres and shares a common boundary with NASA's Kennedy Space Center. The refuge manages habitat for over 500 species of wildlife. A wide variety of habitats exist on the refuge, ranging from freshwater impoundments to vast saltwater estuaries. The unique relationship the refuge shares with NASA is a testimony that nature and technology can coexist and thrive.



Dear Prospective Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in the volunteer program at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (MINWR). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service could not accomplish its many projects without the assistance of volunteers. Each year, volunteers donate tens of thousands of hours to wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries across the country. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (MINWR). MINWR receives approximately 600,000 visitors per year. Most of the visitors arrive at the same time as the migratory birds for which the refuge was established. Attached, please find a list of volunteer opportunities available at MINWR. All refuge volunteers are provided with necessary training for the volunteer position.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Visitor Center Host
- Environmental Education Tour Guide
- Naturalist for Public Programs
- Off-site Interpretive Programs
- Special Events Assistant
- Writing Brochures
- Bird Surveys
- Roving Naturalist
- Wildlife Gardening
- Clerical
- Computer Projects
- Litter Patrol
- Trail Maintenance
- General Maintenance
- Photography

How to Apply

If you would like to be a part of the volunteer program, please complete the attached application and mail it to the refuge or drop it off at the refuge visitor center located on State Road 402, 3.5 miles east of Titusville.



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U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

MERRITT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

MISSION OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM



“ To administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of the present and future generations of Americans.”