

Monomoy NWR Volunteer Opportunities - 2011

Refuge Visitors Services

- When: Year-round. 9:30 AM-6:00 PM daily, especially weekends/holidays during the peak visitor season from May 20-Sept 11, 2011. During off-peak season (Jan. 1-May 20 and Sept. 12-Dec. 31) the need is primarily during school breaks and weekends 11 AM-4 PM.
- How Many: 1-3 volunteers for 4-6 hours each daily during peak season, and 1 volunteer during off-peak season.
- Special Skills / Notes: A desire to share your own sense of wonder with other people/groups of all ages and cultural backgrounds for the natural gem that is Monomoy NWR, and activities the Fish and Wildlife Service, in concert with our conservation partners do here. Bringing lunch/snacks, sunscreen/hat, boots or water shoes/tevas for walking in shallow water is always a good idea.
- Contact: Dave Brownlie

Horseshoe Crab Tagging

- When: May 16-18, May 30-June 2 and June 14-16 (windows depend on weather and moon cycle, dates will be determined a week in advance of the tagging event)
- How Many: 6-10 volunteers each day
- Special Skills / Notes: No special skills are needed. Bring lunch/snacks, water, sunscreen, hat, a set of dry clothes, hip waders or water shoes/tevas for walking into the water to get and return crabs and for getting on and off the boat. *You may get wet up to your waist.*
- Contact: Kate Iaquinto

Posting and Piping Plover Exclosure Placement

- When: Late April or early May, other days depending on who can help and when they are available
- How Many: 3-4 volunteers
- Special Skills/Notes: Must be able to do a lot of heavy lifting and walking long distances carrying these weights. We will be carrying posting areas for nesting birds. We may also need help with exclosures early in the season. Bring water shoes and lunch.
- Contact: Kate Iaquinto

Tern Census

- When: June 15 - June 17, the census usually takes 2-3 days to complete, but we allow a longer window to account for weather dependent conditions.
- How Many: 10 volunteers each day
- Special Skills / Notes: No special skills are needed. Participation requires a lot of walking. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen and dress for field conditions (long pants, hat, sunglasses, comfortable sturdy footwear), which includes walking through tall grass, poison ivy and ticks. Bring water shoes and lunch.
- Contact: Kate Iaquinto

Monomoy Beach Clean-Up Days

- When: April 22-23 or April 28-29 (weather dependant, likely to be one day only)
- How Many: up to 10 volunteers per day

- Special Skills/Notes: No special skills required. Must be able to get on and off the boat and do a lot of walking. The goal is to clean areas of the Refuge that have accumulated trash over the winter and to remove the trash from the islands for disposal. If weather prohibits travel to the island, work will be done on the Morris Island trail and beach areas. Bring water shoes and lunch. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.
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