

McKinney NWR - Volunteer Work Days 2026

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	Date	Approx. Times	Project Title	Description	Number of Vols Needed
	March (days throughout, as needed)	9am-2pm	Falkner Island Work	mowing, habitat prep, station repairs, etc.	4 to 5
	March, 1st or 2nd week	9am to 2:30pm	Great Thicket Trail Signs Install	install welcome, rules and trail guide signs, etc.	2-4, plus 3 staff
	March 4th and 11th (Wednesdays)	9am-11am	Boat/Trailer Prep and Inspections	trailer and boat inspections and preparation (refuge provides defensive driver training so Vol can operate trucks)	2
	March 23rd (week of)	9am-2pm	Milford Point String Fence	put up shorebird signs, string fence, dune signs	5 to 8
	March 30th (week of)	9am-12pm	Great Meadows Sign Install	install two new large entrance signs	4-5, plus 2 staff
	Every week in April (announce the week's date on Monday of	9am-3pm	Falkner Work Days	habitat prep, dock will likely be installed last week of April	5+
	April 1st-4th	9am-3pm	Canisius College/CCSU Work Days	Falkner Island habitat and other work	5 to 10
	April 17th or 24th	9am-2pm	Falkner SCSU Group Work Day	island habitat prep	20
	April or May Weekend Date TDB	9am-2pm	Salt Meadow Trail Day with Branford Scouts	dig out water bars and improve trail	10 to 15

	May Date TBD	9am-2pm	Sheffield Trail Day	clear trail and surrounding area of vegetation, perform other work	4 vols, plus 3 staff
	May Date TBD	9am-2pm	Outer Island Opening	put out safety rails, furniture, clean lab, bathroom, etc.	4-6 vols, plus 1-2 staff
	May through June, multiple days	9am-2:30pm	EE Assistance New Haven, Norwalk	help lead EE lessons and field trips Outer/Sheffield	1 to 5 per day
	May-Sep., Second Thurs. of Month	10am-2pm	Great Meadows Maint.	mowing, trimming, cleaup of site	1 to 2
	May-Sep., Fourth Thurs. of Month	10am-1pm	Calf Island Maint.	mowing, trimming, cleaup of site	1 to 2
	June - Aug. multiple days	9am-2pm	New Haven Oases Improvements	improve New Haven urban oases in parks, install anti bird strike materials	3 to 5
	June-Sep., First Fri. of Month	10am-2pm	Outer Island Work	Improvements to island and house	4 to 6
	July Date TBD	10am-2pm	Great Meadows Ramp Install	install ramp at end of marsh (RR) trail platform	4 to 6
	July - Aug. multiple days	10am-2pm	Milford Invasives Removal	Beardsley Zoo Crew removes knapweed/invasives	4 to 6
	July, 1 to 2 days	10am-2pm	Salt Meadow Landscape	Beardsley Zoo Crew removes vines and invasives	4 to 6
	September 14th (week of)	9am-2pm	Milford String Fence	remove shorebird signs and string fence	4 to 6
	October 5th (week of)	9am-2pm	Great Thicket (Al Harvey Rd.)Work Day	clear vines, remove invasives along bridge and trail	4 to 6

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