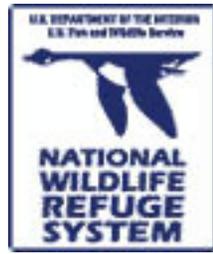




Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex



Trail Steward

The Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (ARNWR) has a state of the art “green” building that offers the local community and tourists the opportunity to learn about the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and history of the refuge, as well as local wildlife and habitats. The Assabet Visitor Center is the primary visitor site for the entire Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Center houses interactive, hands-on educational exhibits, a multi-purpose meeting room, and the Friends Group nature store. The Center hours are typically Fri – Sun, 10am-4pm. The trails are open year-round.

In need of committed individuals that enjoy the outdoors and monitoring trails! Adopt one now!

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Check Refuge trails and fill out a “Trail Form” for work done
- Carry a small trash bag to pick-up litter on trails
- Limbing and trimming trees upon completion of hands-on training provided by staff
- Interact with visitors when on the trails
- Communicate regularly with staff about problems with the trails and potential law enforcement issues

Committed volunteers will have the option to adopt and maintain a specific section of the refuge

QUALIFICATIONS

- Possess a friendly demeanor and a willingness to do manual labor
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- Map and Compass skills are desired, but not required

TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED

- An orientation session of 2 hours is required at the front desk.
- Ability to monitor properties a minimum of 4 hours per month is required during the active season
- Availability to be on-call when major storm events occur

Optional: participate in “work parties” hosted by the Friends of Assabet River & Complex Refuges

BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEERING

- Gain valuable experience in stewardship practices
- Enhance the enjoyment and safety of visitors to the refuge
- Connect with a group of exceptional volunteers and staff
- Help your local community fulfill the Refuge’s mission of “working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.”

If interested, please contact Kizette_OrtizVanger@fws.gov or 978.562.3527 today!