



Volunteer Opportunities



Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

Help wanted! The following is a list of volunteer jobs that are available at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, which is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Refuge depends on the help of many talented volunteers to preserve, protect and enhance wildlife for future generations – we hope you join us! For more information or to sign up, please email erin_railsback@fws.gov or call 920-387-2658 ext. 124.

Habitat

Marsh Steward – Help keep the refuge clean - pick up litter at a trail or site. (Year-round)

Green Thumb – Prune, trim, and weed landscaped areas around the visitor center. (Late spring and summer)

Weed Warrior – Monitor and/or remove invasive plant species like purple loosestrife, wild parsnip, European buckthorn, and garlic mustard. Training and equipment provided. (Late spring through fall)

Seed Harvester – Help collect and process native prairie seeds for restoration projects on the refuge. (Fall)

Grassland Vegetation Surveyor – Perform grassland vegetation surveys throughout the refuge. Must be knowledgeable in plant identification. (Late July through September)

Aquatic Vegetation Surveyor – Perform aquatic vegetation surveys throughout the refuge. Must be knowledgeable in plant identification. (June through September)

Wildlife

Carp Trapper – Assist Refuge staff with the monitoring and removal of carp at the trap on the Rock River near the auto tour. (Late spring and summer)

Nestbox Monitor – Monitor and clean bluebird and wood duck nest boxes on the refuge (Late winter, spring and summer)

Brood Surveyor – Perform brood surveys of nesting ducks throughout the refuge. Must be knowledgeable in duck identification. (Late June through early July)

Administration

Data entry – Several projects to choose from: waterfowl survey data, bluebird boxes, mailing lists, etc. Computer experience desired. (Year-round)

Office Assistant – Assist with general office task such as filing, copying, mailings, organizing, etc. (Year-round)

Maintenance

Mower – Help keep the Refuge looking attractive by cutting grass at public use sites around the refuge. Equipment and training provided. (Summer and fall)

Maintenance Assistant – Assist maintenance staff with upkeep of refuge facilities, including painting, repair, carpentry projects and general maintenance. (Year-round)

Outreach and Education (Visitor Services)

Field Trip Assistant – Help prepare for, assist with, or lead school field trip programs at public use sites throughout the refuge. Training and materials provided. (Weekdays, April – May and September – October)

Special Event Assistant – Help prepare for and assist with interpretive programs and special events at the refuge. (Weekdays/Weekends, Year-round)

Refuge Reader – Read nature stories aloud regularly to the same group of children at a local school, shelter or Head Start with emphasis on Horicon refuge. (Weekdays, Year-round)

Visitor Center Staff – Provide information to visitors and sell merchandise from Coot's Corner Bookstore at refuge visitor center. Training provided. (Weekdays, Year-round, weekends during fall)

Roving Ranger – Welcome visitors at public use areas. Hand out maps and brochures, answer questions about the refuge and surrounding area, and report visitor numbers and activities. Training provided. (Weekends, Late April – June, September – early November)