



Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteering can be a great way to make new friends, give back to your local community and make a difference!

What would you be interested in doing?

Please fill out the information on what you might be interested in doing and talk further with the greeter at the front desk.

Greeter at Front Desk

Volunteer Coordinator

Staff the Nature Store (Friends)

Trail Steward

Environmental Educator

Assist with organizing events, planning monthly meetings, or publicize Friend's activities (Friends Volunteer)

Nature Guide/ Lead Nature Walks (area of interest: _____ (eg: birds, flowers, biking, canoeing, adult/kids programs))

Other, please specify: _____ (eg: invasive species, citizen science project, your own project idea)

Additional skills or interests that you wish to provide:

Availability

Season: Winter/Summer/Spring/Fall/All

Check box if younger than 18 years old

Days you are available: M T W R F Sa Su

Times available: Morning Afternoon Evening

Contact Information

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

We will get in contact with you soon!

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Volunteer Opportunities in Visitor Services

Front Desk Greeter

Welcome visitors to the refuge, some might have never visited a refuge before! The duties will include suggesting hikes based on visitor's abilities, maintaining visitor center's cleanliness and helping staff with a few tasks. A friendly, helpful demeanor is a must!

Nature Guide

Be a guide for an audience of your choice such as seniors, children, adults, and/or families and engage them in the outdoors with your special interest, ie – plants, painting, biking, etc. The public program would be once a month/season and/or a special program series for your target audience. Planning for the program includes coordinating the strategic, operational and logistical activities necessary for the event, such as helping with outreach to the local community. The refuge would assist throughout the process, but we are in need of people to lead independently. For a new volunteer that is getting to know the refuge assisting staff with creating and delivering informative and exciting presentations to the local community organizations might be a good way to get started.

Trail Steward

Make sure all our trails get walked on a monthly basis and report to staff about any noticeable changes (ie., fallen trees/limbs, damaged signs or sign posts, dumping of debris, etc). A trail steward would also be notified for special trail day projects and clean ups. Trail stewards enhance the enjoyment and safety of visitors to the refuge. Volunteers will need to regularly communicate with refuge staff on what was seen on trails and any problems.

Environmental Educator

Prior teaching experience is needed for this position. If you do not have any then consider beginning with a Nature Guide position. We are in need of committed individuals who enjoy the company of children and are fascinated by the natural world. Volunteers will either be assisting refuge staff on existing environmental education programs or creating curriculum and lesson plans which meet State curriculum standards.

Volunteer Coordinator

A minimum of a six month commitment is required. Work closely with staff to help manage current volunteers and their schedules and to do outreach to increase our volunteer numbers. Assist the staff with planning volunteer training opportunities and volunteer appreciation celebrations. It is important you are comfortable working with different ages and abilities and that you are organized.

These are only brief descriptions of volunteer opportunities we have, to get more detail please check our website http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Assabet_River/what_we_do/get_involved.html or visit the visitor center to pick up a hard copy at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. Open Thurs-Sun 10-4pm