

Flag Ponds Nature Park Volunteer Projects 2022 Annual Report

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Total hours logged: 870.5

Purpose and Objectives

Calvert Stewards help maintain and improve our nature parks.

Volunteer Duties

Help clear trails, clean up litter, help construct and repair boardwalks. Opportunities can be scheduled on a continuous basis or a one-time work day.

Requirements and Expectations

- Work independently and/or in teams.
- Remove debris from beach, trails and parking areas.
- Plant native plants, shrubs and trees.
- Assist with maintenance projects on trails and in gardens.
- Most work will be performed outside under varying weather conditions.
- Frequent exposure to weather and temperature extremes, noise, dust, and dirt should be expected.
- Work also includes exposure to: poison ivy, ticks, mosquitos, snakes, spiders and other wildlife.

Skills Needed

- Ability to walk and bend to perform tasks and requires exertion of moderate to heavy physical effort.
- May involve lifting and moving objects up to 50 pounds.

Optional, but Preferred, Skills

- Landscaping
- Basic Carpentry

Trainings

- Orientation through a workshop, in-person or via phone to understand the project.
- Ongoing opportunities to join scheduled projects.

Equipment, Materials & Supplies Needed

- Hand tools and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers can bring their own as well.
- Volunteers must provide their own work gloves, water bottles and necessary snacks.

Summary of 2022 Activities

- Trail Monitor: Janet Barnes volunteered as a trail monitor 1 day a week from January 1st to December 31st. She monitored trails and gathered liter and around the park. 130.5 hours.
- Trail Monitor: Kathy Wood volunteered as a trail monitor 1 day a week from January 1st to December 31st. She monitored trails, the beach and gathered liter and around the park. 99 hours.
- Trail Monitor: Taylor Dagle volunteered on January 1st. She monitored trails and gathered liter and around the park. 4 hours.
- Trail Monitor: Camryn Arnstein volunteered from February 1st to April 30th. She monitored trails and gathered liter and around the park. 10 hours.
- Trail Monitor: Ed Connor volunteered on November 4th. He monitored trails and gathered liter and around the park. 2 hours.
- Trail Monitor: Anonymous +1s. Monitored trails and gathered liter and around the park. 56 hours.
- Trail Building: Rick Pop volunteered on March 4th, 18th and 25th. He helped in constructing the Woodland Creek Trail. 12 hours.
- Trail Building: Camryn Arnstein volunteered on March 18th. She helped in constructing the Woodland Creek Trail. 4 hours.
- Trail Monitor/Volunteer Park Technician: Andrew Miller volunteered from January 1st to July 31st before accepting an hourly Park Technician position at Flag Ponds Nature Park. He monitored trails, monitored the beach, assisted with park operations and spoke to visitors. 522 hours.
- New Years Day Beach Cleanup. Participants helped gather liter off the beach. 13 hours.
- Scout Group Project: Douglass Abbott and 13 members of Troop 303 constructed a section of boardwalk on our trail system. 8 hours.
- Scout Group Project: Ryder Russell and 12 members of Troop 347 constructed a section of boardwalk on our trail system. 8 hours.
- Staff involved: Brian Bussard, Taylor Williams, Jenny Yoder, Emma McCarthy, Tori Hall, Shelley Bailey, Connor MacKenzie.

Future Plans

- Animal Care Opportunity
- Offer more work days throughout year
- More scout/group opportunities

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