

Kings Landing Park Maintenance 2022 Annual Report

Number of Volunteers: 5 volunteers (+ 1 eagle scout & 3 service groups)

Volunteer Hours: 14 hours (+ 33.5 hours of group service time)

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Purpose and Objectives

Calvert Steward volunteers help clear trails, maintain gardens, and assist park staff with larger projects.

Skills Needed

- Ability to walk over rough terrain
- Ability to bend & perform tasks requiring exertion of moderate to heavy physical effort
- Lift and move objects up to 50lbs

Optional, but preferred:

- Landscaping
- Plant identification
- Basic carpentry

Volunteer Duties

- Help monitor & clear trails
- Maintain gardens
- Assist with rental events
- Assist park staff with special projects



Girl Scouts painting mushrooms

Training and Qualifications

- Orientation through a workshop or meeting in-person to understand the project.
- For special projects, training will be incorporated into the beginning of the event before actual work begins.

Summary of 2022 Activities

Calvert Stewards

Trail Monitoring: Sekai Manley contributed 2hrs in January.

Gardening: Karen Moreland volunteered once a month from June thru September, contributing a total of 7 hours.

Special Project - Meadow Seed Sowing: 3 volunteers helped with this project, for a combined total of 5 hours.

Scouts & Service Groups

The following projects were completed by service groups & scout awards candidates:

Horse Water Troughs & EQ Area Upkeep | *Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints* | 6 hours, ~300 teens

Teens worked in short shifts throughout the day as part of a rotating set of activities, spread over 2 days.

- Removed old, rotten water troughs & built 6 new troughs from scratch, including new drain plugs
- Raked out gravel & removed weeds/fungi from around each water station
- Removed 2 autumn olive bushes along access road
- Weeded around perimeter of the horse ring & disposed of plants

Amphitheater Bench Replacement | *Eagle Scout Candidate J. Horning, Troop 420* | ~15 hours (estimated)

- Ripped out old amphitheater benches
- SMECO delivered old telephone poles
- Cut poles & installed new benches using cement

Meadow Maze Activities | *Girl Scouts Bronze Award Project, Troop 11012* | 16.1hrs each per 11 girls

(cumulative total on and off site: 178hrs)

This project is in progress. Here's what they've accomplished so far:

- Designed, created & installed cement pavers featuring native plant imprints
- Planted Black-Eyed Susan around trellis
- Added new mallets to existing PVC xylophone
- Designed & painted large native meadow-themed mural over play hutch
 - This will be an interactive display featuring flip-boards when finished
- Painted, repaired & labeled cement mushroom stepping stones

Stilt Grass Pulling – Meadow Maze | *American Heritage Girls* | 1.5 hours

- Pulled stilt grass from the south edge of the meadow maze. Filled a total of 13 black trash bags.



*Stilt grass pulled by AHG
loaded on the gator*

Future Plans

- Organize more work days for meadow upkeep & trail repair projects
- Improve gardening opportunity by organizing more constructed work days
- Add other gardens to the volunteer opportunity (pending staff time & funding for improvements)
- Improve time tracking for scouts & group opportunities



Mural progress

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