



On-site Volunteer Groundskeeping

Location of Volunteer Opportunity:

- Slater Mill Historic Site, 67 Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket, RI
- Roger Williams National Memorial, 282 North Main St., Providence, RI

Both are located on the bus route.

Goals:

- Many hands make for a light load! Volunteer as an extension of the NPS staff.
- To provide volunteers a mutually rewarding experience outdoors while supporting NPS staff with outdoor groundskeeping and beautification projects.
- To have volunteers work alongside staff or independently on assigned outdoor tasks for the day.
- To assist visitors' immediate needs with accessing site facilities, programs, special events.
- To offer the volunteers a meaningful and rewarding experience for their volunteer time.

Goal of Volunteer Position:

- Volunteer to assist NPS staff or work independently on tasks assigned:
 - Weeding and raking throughout the site.
 - Care of seasonal planters, watering.
 - Tree pruning and assistance with removal of debris.
- Certain tasks will require volunteers to have staff support and supervision, especially when using power tools.
- Several tasks will be project-based and not ongoing, such as:
 - Raking and spreading of new mulch.
 - Initial riverbank cleanup.
- Support of on-site building upkeep.
 - Sanding and painting of an area on the outside of buildings
 - Repairing and staining of benches on-site.
- Utilizing the volunteer's passion for being outdoors gardening and sharing knowledge with the public when they show interest.
- For the volunteer to have basic knowledge of the site and understand a sense of place for volunteering.

Qualifications:

- Minimum age of 18 years old, enjoy being outdoors and making a difference.

- To be able to be on the go for several hours at a time while gardening, raking, and assisting site staff.
- Volunteers must be able to take direction and work independently.
- Volunteers may encounter site questions and must be able to provide basic site information. (If the volunteer does not know the answer to the question, the visitor will be referred to another staff member, or visitor contact information will be requested so that a full answer can be forwarded when available.)
- Volunteers will provide their own transportation to and from the volunteer site; no public transportation is provided by the volunteer program. Both sites are located on the public bus route.
- The volunteer coordinator will provide uniform items appropriate to the volunteer task. A shirt with the volunteer patch, hat, and nametag is required when volunteering.
- General grooming and clothing need to reflect a clean and neat appearance. We understand this task will get you dirty at times and ask you to be mindful when representing the volunteer program and site.

Time Commitment:

- No minimum volunteer time is required. The most desirable volunteer shift is during core hours of 9:00 to 3:30 PM.
- A predetermined volunteer schedule will be coordinated by each volunteer site contact. Volunteer and site contact will determine days volunteer is available on site at least two weeks in advance.
- We all know life happens. Volunteers are asked to reach out to the site contact as soon as the schedule needs to be updated.

Training:

- Volunteers will be provided an orientation of the site.
- In addition, volunteers will be invited to Skills Workshops and site-specific programs of interest.
- Each volunteer will be given instructions for each task assigned. When the need for additional support is needed, NPS staff will provide training.

The Volunteers-In-Parks program:

- All volunteers are welcome to participate in the entire volunteer program as much or as little as desired. It's all about the quality, not quantity, of the volunteer's time.
- Volunteers will be informed of volunteer opportunities through e-mails, on their VIP page, and the BHC newsletter. In addition, notices will be posted on Skills Workshops, partner activities, Volunteer Appreciation, and so much more!
- Each volunteer will be responsible for recording their volunteer hours on their VIP page. A login will be created for each volunteer to access the volunteer website.
- We encourage volunteers to make a difference by leading, teaching, and giving of their time. Imagine the possibilities!

Ready to join us? Please reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator by e-mail or phone.



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