

2023 Volunteer Opportunities on the Natural Lands

The work our volunteers do keeps the natural lands a safe and inviting place for visitors. Thank you for your dedication!

This year the Preserve is offering two types of volunteer opportunities. You can choose what works best for you.

Descriptions of current projects are emailed to volunteers every Friday. Please email Ed Hawes, Preserve Land Steward at ehawes@gardenpreserve.org to add your name to our email list.

Mondays with Mike (lighter duty)

This is regularly scheduled, universally appropriate work.

Every Monday from 9 - 11:30 a.m. volunteer Mike Hays will lead a group through the natural lands to make maintenance improvements.

Examples include removing branches from the sides of trails, removing small fallen trees, clearing out spruce saplings growing along the carriage road edges, reporting trail issues (large, downed trees), planting native plants, and spreading mulch.

Drop-in (heavy duty)

This is project-based trail construction on a floating schedule where you can come and go as you please.

This work can be physically demanding and often (but not always) involves carrying/moving heavy loads, navigating off-trail terrain, and close contact with soil/mud/water/tree branches, etc.

This style opportunity is similar to what we have done in 2021 and 2022 and are always led by an employee of the Land & Garden Preserve.