

Volunteer Opportunities on the Natural Lands

Our volunteers help keep the natural lands a safe and inviting place for visitors. We are deeply grateful for their work and dedication.

The Preserve offers two types of volunteer opportunities (see below). You can choose what works best for you.

Descriptions of current projects are emailed to volunteers every Friday. To join the mailing list please email Ed Hawes, Preserve Land Steward at <u>ehawes@gardenpreserve.org</u>.

Trail Maintenance Volunteers

This is regularly scheduled work to monitor and maintain trails.

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

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

Trail Construction Volunteers

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.

An employee of the Land & Garden Preserve leads these projects.