

Why Volunteer?

For You

Volunteering feels good! Volunteers at our properties enjoy our wildlife and history, try new things, get to know the staff and visitors, spend volunteer time with family or special friends and share their expertise to help us with unique projects.

For Us

Our volunteer goals include:

- Support existing staff projects/ programs.
- Provide personal contact with a DNR representative to a greater number of our visitors.
- Build close ties with neighboring communities.
- Unify and connect state park/ reservoir volunteers statewide.
- Support and reward all volunteers appropriately.

What Makes a Successful Volunteer?

A successful volunteer is flexible, friendly and willing to share skills in a specific area. A successful volunteer comes to learn, try new things and enjoy our natural and cultural resources. A successful volunteer understands and believes in our mission and doesn't come with an "agenda" or plans to change the site. Volunteers are expected to abide by Division and Department policies and rules, just as employees do.

What Can I Do?

Individual Volunteers

Serve on a regular basis as interpretive center hosts, education volunteers, resource management projects, campground hosts and VIP workers.

Group Volunteers

Work as a part of an organized scout troop, school class, service club or other group. Complete one time projects or long-term service, such as an Adopt-a-Trail project (available at a few sites.)

Student Interns

Attend high school, college or similar program and receive credit or excused time for work generally related to a future career.

Youth/Family Volunteers

Individual families who volunteer together for specific projects. Each property has volunteer opportunities, but not all have projects available all the time. Materials, other programs/projects and staff on hand for supervision impact the number of projects available. Possibilities include but are not limited to:

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| Nature Center Host | Craft demonstrator |
| Trail Work | Program promoter |
| Litter Pickup | Bee keeper |
| Clean bird houses | Interp. Center Librarian |
| Painting | Photographer |
| Greet visitors | Animal care/feeding |
| Grant writer | Gardener |
| Office assistant | Wildlife surveyor |
| Campground host | Pull garlic mustard |
| Hike leader | Woodworker |
| Historic reenactor | Repair/maintenance |

How Do I Get Started?

Regular Volunteers or One-Time, Special Projects

- Contact the property where you would like to volunteer and let the property coordinator know your interests and available time.
- Complete a volunteer application form. It will be reviewed just as a job application is reviewed.
- If the property Volunteer Coordinator believes that your skills and interests will meet specific needs on the property, the two of you will work out a time and project schedule. If the property does not have a project that they need assistance with at the time, the coordinator will let you know that as well, and will keep your name on hand for future reference.
- You will be asked to sign an agreement that you accept Worker's Compensation as coverage in case of an injury.

Groups

- Contact the property coordinator at least two weeks in advance of the date you'd like to visit.
- Expect to complete a volunteer agreement, indicating you accept coverage from Worker's Compensation in case of an injury. Youth (under age 18) participants require a parent or guardian's signature.

What Benefits Do I Receive?

- A volunteer handbook and training where appropriate.
- Free admission (for each volunteer only) during service.
- Free or reduced camping fees (Campground host/VIP only).
- Volunteer identification (button or nametag, depending on type and length of service).
- Annual recognition/awards for specific levels of service.
- Volunteer newsletter (for 50+ hours of continuing service).
- The satisfaction of supporting the interpretation and management of our natural and cultural resources.
- Lots of thank yous from DNR staff!!!!

Note: Volunteers do not drive DNR vehicles or wear DNR uniforms.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

---Margaret Mead

Campground Host/Volunteers In Parks(VIP)

The Division of State Parks and Reservoirs offers these volunteer programs that include free or reduced camping fees. Properties may choose to offer either or both programs, depending on their needs and site availability.

Campground Host

- Work up to 20 hrs per week per site
- Maximum 1-2 sites(varies by property)*
- Seasons offered determined by property
- Weekends and holidays included
- Typically 30 day maximum service
- Duties determined by property manager
- Minimum service 1-2 weeks
- Camping fee waived during service

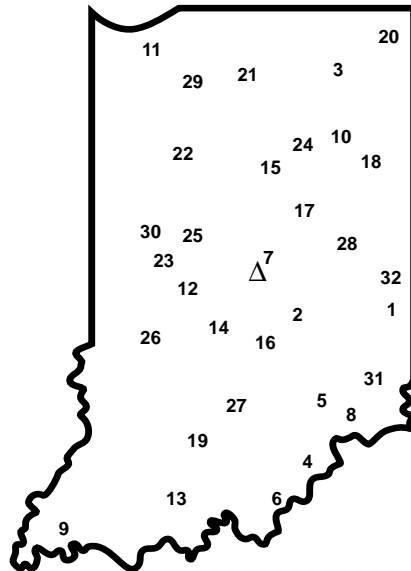
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- Minimum service 1 weekend; 1-2 wks preferred
- Camping fee reduced for weekend service or waived for longer periods of service.

* Some properties operate more than one campground. Volunteers may be assigned to individual campground locations based on campground usage and needs. Not available at Fort Harrison, Falls of the Ohio, or Prophetstown State Parks.

How to Contact Us

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| 1. Brookville Lake | 765/647-2657 | 30. Turkey Run State Park | 765/597-2654 |
| 2. Brown Co. State Park | 812/988-7185 | 31. Versailles State Park | 812/689-6424 |
| 3. Chain O'Lakes State Park | 219/636-2654 | 32. Whitewater State Park | 765/458-5565 |
| 4. Charlestown State Park | 812/256-5600 | | |
| 5. Clifty Falls State Park | 812/273-0609 | Δ Division Vol. Coordinator | 800/622-4931 |
| 6. Falls of the Ohio State Park | 812/280-9970 | | |
| 7. Ft. Harrison State Park | 317/591-0904 | | |
| 8. Hardy Lake | 812/794-3800 | | |
| 9. Harmonie State Park. | 812/682-4821 | | |
| 10. Huntington Lake | 219/468-2165 | | |
| 11. Indiana Dunes State Park | 219/926-1390 | | |
| 12. Lieber SRA(Cagles Mill Lake) | 765/795-4576 | | |
| 13. Lincoln State Park | 812/937-4710 | | |
| 14. McCormick's Creek State Pk. | 812/829-4344 | | |
| 15. Mississinewa Lake | 765/473-6528 | | |
| 16. Monroe Lake | 812/837-9546 | | |
| 17. Mounds State Park | 765/649-8128 | | |
| 18. Ouabache State Park | 219/824-0926 | | |
| 19. Patoka Lake | 812/685-2447 | | |
| 20. Pokagon State Park | 812/833-2012 | | |
| 21. Potato Creek State Park | 219/656-8186 | | |
| 22. Prophetstown State Park | 765/427-5574 | | |
| 23. Raccoon Lk./Mansfield Mill | 765/344-1412 | | |
| 24. Salamonie Lake | 219/468-2127 | | |
| 25. Shades State Park | 765/435-2810 | | |
| 26. Shakamak State Park | 812/665-2158 | | |
| 27. Spring Mill State Park | 812/849-4129 | | |
| 28. Summit Lake State Park | 765/766-5873 | | |
| 29. Tippecanoe River State Park | 219/946-3213 | | |



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 The mission of Indiana's State Parks and Reservoirs is to manage and interpret our properties' unique natural, wildlife and cultural resources using principles of multiple use and preservation, while sustaining the integrity of these resources for current and future generations.



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