## 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 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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## 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 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.

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“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 days 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
1. Brookville Lake 765/647-2657
2. Brown Co. State Park 812/988-7185
3. Chain O’Lakes State Park 219/636-2654
4. Charlestown State Park 812/273-0609
5. Clifty Falls State Park 812/280-9970
6. Falls of the Ohio State Park 812/385-2654
7. Ft. Harrison State Park 317/591-0904
8. Hardy Lake 812/794-3800
9. Harmonie State Park, 812/682-4821
10. Huntington Lake 812/468-2165
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 812/473-5258
16. Monroe Lake 812/837-9546
17. Mounds State Park 765/649-8128
18. Dusabache State Park 219/824-9026
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./Mannsville Mill 765/344-1412
24. Salamonie Lake 219/468-2127
25. Shades State Park 765/835-2810
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
30. Turkey Run State Park 765/997-2654
31. Versailles State Park 812/689-4248
32. Whitewater State Park 765/458-5565

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