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Volunteer on National Public Lands Day

The National Park Service is looking for volunteers to participate in helping to improve our public lands on Saturday, September 26. Come lend a hand by clearing brush on the Cove Trail behind the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt on Saturday from 10:00am-1:00pm. Volunteers may also help the Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association volunteers restore the gardens at Vanderbilt Mansion. Help beautify one of the many places throughout the nation that have been called “America’s Best Idea” and then enjoy a free tour at any of the National Historic Sites in Hyde Park in honor of National Public Lands Day.

Park Superintendent Sarah Olson stated: “President Franklin Roosevelt was a great supporter of the national parks and public lands. Some of his New Deal programs were created for the dual purposes of providing jobs for the unemployed and beautifying the land. He gave his home and its surrounding acreage to the National Park Service for people to enjoy for future generations. We encourage people in the community to consider sharing part of their day on September 26 and help spruce up FDR’s gift to the nation.”

For more information or to sign up, contact Dave Hayes, Resource Management Specialist, at 845-229-1521 by Thursday September 24.

To learn more about “America’s Best Idea: The National Parks,” watch Ken Burn’s six-part documentary beginning on Sunday, September 27 at 8:00 PM on PBS stations.