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Congaree National Park

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Congaree Volunteer Opportunities

Established in 1976, Congaree National Park preserves the largest intact tract of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States. This National Park Service site is an International Biosphere Reserve, Wilderness Area, outdoor classroom and laboratory for visitors, school children and scientists from all over the world. The park has over 25 miles of hiking trails, a 2.5 mile boardwalk trail, and a wilderness canoe trail.

Numerous volunteer opportunities are available each year at Congaree National Park. Volunteers work in all divisions, including Natural and Cultural Resources, Education, Interpretation, and Facility Maintenance. Volunteers are also needed to assist with special events held at the park and off-site. Positions accommodate a wide range of skill and interest. To volunteer, fill out a Volunteer Application or apply online at <http://volunteer.gov/gov>, and we'll get in touch. Examples of opportunities include:

Natural and Cultural Resources

Resource volunteers assist the park with non-native plant removal, assist researchers in the field as needed, collect spatial data with GPS/GIS, as well as assist with data management.

For additional information contact: Theresa Yednock at (803) 647-3974.

Interpretation and Education

Interpretation and Education volunteers assist the park with weekly canoe tours, guided walks and talks, visitor services, and evening programs. Volunteers can also assist with school groups and off-site education/interpretation programs.

For additional information about interpretation volunteer opportunities, contact: Fran Rametta at 647-3969.

For additional information about education volunteer opportunities- contact David Shelley at (803) 647-3966.

Facility Maintenance

Facility maintenance volunteers assist the park with trail work (canoe trail, hiking trails, and boardwalk), construction projects, litter removal and day-to-day operations.

For additional information contact: John Torrence at (803) 647-3981.

Special Events

Volunteers have assisted the park during the annual Naturefest (April), Public Lands Day (September), and Swampfest (October), providing valuable assistance to park visitors and park staff.

For more information contact Theresa Yednock, Congaree National Park, 100 National Park Road, Hopkins, SC 29061, or visit the web at www.nps.gov/cong, or call (803) 647-3974.

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