

Indiana Dunes National Park Volunteer Service Description



Corporate and Business Groups

Position Overview

Support habitat restoration, gardening, historic building maintenance, and/or trail maintenance projects by performing any number of related tasks. Activities may include, but are not limited to, removing weeds and invasive vegetation, collecting native seed, pruning vegetation, clearing trails, collecting trash, and performing basic construction work. These tasks may incorporate the use of tools including, but not limited to, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pruning shears, hand saws, and hand tools.

Minimum Commitment

Volunteer activities to be accomplished over a minimum period of 2 hours and maximum of 8 hours on any given day.

Goal / Outcome of Job:

To assist park staff on various projects in the park. Opportunity to work alongside park staff and help care for our local national park.

Description of Duties

- Removing weeds and invasive vegetation
- Clearing trails
- Collecting trash
- Basic construction work

Knowledge/ Skills Desired

- No special skills or training needed. We provide all training, tools, and leadership.

Difficulty Level

Average. Ability to lift 10-20 lbs and work on uneven terrain, varies by project.

Working Conditions:

Working outside. Volunteer should be prepared for the weather conditions.

Training / Preparation Required:

We provide all training and leadership the day of.

Uniform

To work in the field, we recommend that volunteers bring the following clothing and supplies:

- Appropriate footwear (no sandals or open-toed shoes allowed). Boots/shoes that provide ankle support.
- Long pants and long-sleeved shirt that you can get dirty (light colored and tightly woven clothing may reduce exposure to insects).
- Raincoat and/or warm clothing as appropriate. Wear layers for changing weather.
- Hat
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Leather work gloves, impermeable latex/nitrile gloves, eye protection (safety glasses) (park will provide for use on project if required)