

# Indiana Dunes National Park Volunteer Service Description

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## Drop-In Volunteering: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

### Position Overview

Drop-in volunteering provides hassle-free opportunities at Indiana Dunes. With no previous experience needed, drop-ins are perfect for those with just a few hours of free time or those visiting the dunes for the weekend.

Volunteers can join park staff every third Saturday at the Park Volunteer office (618 N Mineral Springs Rd) from 9am to 12pm CST for drop-in volunteering. Projects vary by date and season, but can include a wide variety of natural and cultural resource projects, such as invasive plant control, unwanted woody brush/tree removal, seed collection, native plant propagation, seeding/planting in the field, and cultural land and building restoration

After completing appropriate training, volunteer work may include use of hand tools (hand saws, loppers, rakes, shovels, etc.).

### Minimum Commitment

A few hours of free time, 9am to 12pm. Every third Saturday of the month.

### 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

- Invasive plant control
- Woody brush/tree removal
- Seed collection
- Native plant propagation
- Seeding/planting
- Cultural landscaping
- Building restoration

### Knowledge/ Skills Desired

- The ability to work with others.
- Desire an ability to work outdoors.
- Ability to work in inclement weather.
- Ability to work in diverse terrain and footing.
- Ability to handle some strenuous physical activity.

**Difficulty Level**

Average to strenuous impact.

**Working Conditions:**

Volunteer work may involve strenuous manual labor, such as carrying supplies and equipment through thorny, overgrown fields, over uneven terrain, wet soils, and exposure to biting insects and poisonous plants.

**Training / Preparation Required:**

Training will be provided the day of by park staff.

**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)