

# Indiana Dunes National Park

## Volunteer Service Description

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### Service Learning

#### Position Overview

From youth groups to grad school, our service-learning opportunities provide groups a unique way to make a difference in their national park. With the help of our dedicated staff, you can work on a project that inspires you. Projects usually include invasive plant removal, landscaping, and trail and facility maintenance. Our staff will gladly work with you to find the perfect volunteer project for you.

The group will learn new skills, develop strong bonds with their peers, and appreciate the value of giving back to a service-learning project in the park. A service-learning day might include a brief history of the park and teaching the students the importance of their assigned project, followed by a stewardship project.

Examples of groups who might complete a service-learning project:

- School group
- Class
- Faith-based youth group
- Club

#### Minimum Commitment

Volunteer activities are 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

Average.

**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 (light colored and tightly woven clothing may reduce exposure to insects)
- Raincoat and/or warm clothing as appropriate
- Hat
- 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)