



## Volunteer Job Description

National Park Service – San Juan Island NHP

**Job Title:** Exotic Plant Control

**Name of VIP:**

**Supervisor:** Jerald Weaver, Chief of Integrated resources

**Location:** Throughout the park

**Project Duration:** 1-2 month commitment preferred. 2 hours per week minimum.

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### Description of Duties:

Exotic Plant Control Volunteers assist park staff and other natural resource volunteers in controlling the spread of highly invasive exotic plant species to support prairie restoration activities. They help with manual control activities including cutting flowers/seed heads from Bull Thistle, chopping stems of young blackberry, Scot's Broom and English Hawthorn, pulling plants such as Common Mullen and Tansy Ragwort, and related efforts to remove non-native species to reduce the spread of exotic plants and prepare restoration sites for establishing native plant species. Work will NOT involve application of chemical herbicides, and all activities will be performed under supervision of NPS staff. Volunteer duties include but are not limited to:

- Pulling weeds
- Cutting flowers/seed heads
- Assisting with prairie restoration by removing or reducing spread of competing vegetation

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### Benefits to VIP:

A deeper understanding of the park's role in preserving and protecting natural resources.

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### Goal/Outcome of Job:

The goal is to preserve and protect park natural resources and assist visitors.

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### Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:

- Ability to follow instructions and complete tasks
- Ability to perform work of a physical nature including pushing, pulling, lifting, carrying up to 20 lbs.
- Ability to stretch, bend, lift, walk and remain standing for long periods of time.
- Ability to identify safety needs and risks

## **Special Requirements: Safety**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) includes: first aid kit, sturdy work gloves and sturdy leather work boots. Individual volunteers are strongly encouraged to carry cellular phones whenever possible and practical in case of emergencies.

Safety considerations such as proper hydration, heat disorder, hypothermia, insect/animal bites & stings, and Lyme disease awareness should be discussed as appropriate given the work environment and season.

Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) will be available to the Volunteer for any specific trail maintenance projects and workshops in which they participate.