

Why become a York County Parks Volunteer?

According to the National Recreation and Park Association there are four major benefits of creating an association with Parks:

Individual benefits

Improves academic performance
Better health
Immediate stress reduction
Increased self esteem and confidence



Community Benefits

Builds stronger communities
Connects families

Economic benefits

Increases property values
Reduces health care and insurance costs
Reduces employee absenteeism
Boosts tourism



Environmental benefits

Preserves natural habitat
Controls air, water and soil quality
Provides accessible place to enjoy nature

Mission Statement:

York County Parks & Recreation enhances the quality of community life acting as a steward for the environment. In this capacity, it acquires, conserves and manages park lands and offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities:

York County Parks system is comprised of over 4,300 areas in 11 parks, which provides a variety of opportunities that engage volunteers in meaningful service furthering the mission. Since the department was established in 1968 when County Commission P. Joseph Raab recognized the need for the preservation of open space and recreational areas for York County residents to enjoy, the volunteer program has grown exponentially.

Administrative Headquarters:

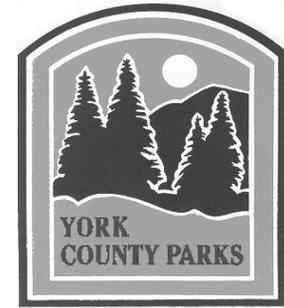
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“In accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act, those individuals needing accommodations for access within the York County Parks, please call the County of York at (717-) 771-9214”



Volunteer Opportunities



***Put your knowledge and skills to work.
Make a difference in your community
and the environment!***



Volunteer Opportunities

inspire, teach and involve!

Front Desk at Nixon County Park:

These volunteers ensure that visitors' experiences at Nixon Park are positive. Use your enthusiasm for the environment to greet and assist guests, answer phones and complete other duties as assigned by staff. (training provided)

Maintenance:

Share your project, construction and outdoor skills! With many miles of trails, parking lots, and bird feeders at Nixon Park there is always work to be done.

Adopt-a-Trail:

With an many visitors a year trail work is a never ending process. Adopt a section of trail at one of the 11 parks and work to keep the trail passable for visitors.

Garden:

Use your gardening and weeding skills to help maintain the gardens throughout the parks. Work to fight invasive species and keep the gardens looking nice and natural.

Community Groups:

There are a plethora of opportunities for clubs, school groups, etc. Scouts can even complete their Eagle Scout or Golden Award, or just learn about volunteering. Contact park headquarters for more information.

Fox Storytime:

Combine your love of children and nature by reading stories to preschool children on a field trip to Nixon Park. Choose from books and puppets at Nixon to engage young children in a hands on learning experiences. (training provided)

Volunteer Naturalist:

Do you enjoy passing on your love and knowledge of the outdoors to others? Help lead groups of students grades K-12 on hikes, water studies, or lead a public program. (training provided)

Special Events/Projects:

There are many special events throughout the year. Including: Feederwatch, Bluebird trail monitoring, Christmas Magic, Maple Sugar Fest, Rock and Mineral Weekend, Reptile Week, Dino Weekend, Park Ambassador.

Friends Groups:

- ★ Are you a history buff?
- ★ A dog lover?
- ★ A train connoisseur?



Check out a friends group.

Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill
 Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail
 Friends of Canine Meadow

Internships/Practicum's:

There are a variety of internships and practicum's available. These positions may be paid or unpaid. Contact park headquarters for more information.



York County Parks Volunteer Opportunities

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Circle: Adult Group Senior

Student (14 to 21) Youth
(12-13 Adult supervision required)

Contact me about the areas checked below!

- Front Desk at Nixon County Park
- Maintenance
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**For more information,
 call park headquarters at 717-840-7440**