



Dane County Park Volunteer Positions

Natural Areas Volunteer Handbook *Revised: February 2019*

Volunteer Status	Benefits to Volunteer	Duties to Dane County Parks
Walk-up Participant	No strings or commitment.	Sign liability waiver/photo release at each event.
Registered Volunteer	<p>Receive email notifications of training, and educational opportunities.</p> <p>DCP merchandise.</p> <p>Preference in registration.</p> <p>Waivers/Photo release kept on file.</p> <p>Invited to volunteer appreciation event.</p> <p>Collect firewood, with permit.</p> <p>Operate a chainsaw, with required training.</p>	<p>Complete registration paperwork.</p> <p>Obtain firewood collection permit, if firewood desired.</p> <p>Attend chainsaw safety, if chainsaw use desired.</p> <p>Volunteer orientation recommended, not required.</p>
Certified Land Steward	<p>Receives all benefits of registered volunteer PLUS:</p> <p>More direct training and mentorship by staff.</p> <p>Greater sense of ownership and autonomy in park projects.</p> <p>Ability to work independently.</p> <p>Ability to lead other volunteers.</p> <p>Access to buildings and gates.</p> <p>Access to drive on County trails.</p> <p>Opportunity to gain career related experience in natural areas management.</p> <p>Staff letters of recommendation for education and employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Volunteer orientation required within 3 months.</p> <p>Sign lead volunteer handbook acknowledgement.</p> <p>Develop work plan with staff.</p> <p>Notify Parks staff of planned group events.</p> <p>Report management activities.</p> <p>Report individual hours.</p> <p>Submit group event sign-in sheet and hours.</p> <p>Herbicide safety training (if using herbicides).</p> <p>Submit herbicide records.</p> <p>Ensure safe use of herbicide during events.</p> <p>Chainsaw certification (if using chainsaw).</p> <p>Background check when working or leading youth under 18.</p>