

Grafton Lakes State Park

Volunteer Garden Crew Member

CATEGORY: Trained

SUPERVISOR: Volunteer Gardener (also the Volunteer Coordinator)

LOCATION: On-site

Located on the Rensselaer Plateau, Grafton Lakes State Park consists of over 2,500 acres and over 25 miles of trails. The park is home to six ponds, serves as a sanctuary for nocturnal mammals, and includes diverse ecosystems. In addition to ecological significance, the park is an invaluable open space recreational and educational resource complete with a fire tower, 1,000-foot beach, and opportunities for boating and fishing. Grafton Lakes State Park includes many gardens including at the welcome center, beach, ticket booth, and front entrance.



SUMMARY:

The Volunteer Garden Crew Members work directly with the Volunteer Gardener to assist with keeping all gardens in the park healthy, sustainable, and full of native plants. The gardens should also be kept in a state that is appealing to the public. Garden crew members are not expected to have a knowledge of gardening, but simply a love for getting dirty and a ready attitude to learn. The Volunteer Gardener, working with the Volunteer Coordinator and other staff, sets up monthly gardening days May-Sept for crew members. Crew members are expected to attend as many of these as possible.

DUTIES:

- Seasonal planting of flowers
- Remove weeds, trim bushes/plants, and other general upkeep of gardens keep them sustainable and healthy
- Maintain a clean and organized toolshed, clean off tools when necessary
- Attend monthly gardening days as much as possible May-Sept
- Attend and participate in gardening project as a part of I Love My Park Day and Falls Trails Day if possible
- Provide assistance and attend volunteer open house if possible
- Maintain strong communication with the volunteer gardener- communications will be done via phone and text

REQUIREMENTS:

- Successfully complete all volunteer trainings
- Must have access to a phone and email
- Knowledge of basic gardening techniques and plant identification a plus, but not required
- Good interpersonal skills and a positive attitude
- Work requires moderate physical exertion and occasional exposure to a variety of weather conditions
- Ability to work in a team, but also with minimal supervision after being given instructions
- Reliable source of transportation
- Attendance of at least two gardening days a year is highly preferred

For more information, or to apply, please contact:

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