

Grafton Lakes State Park

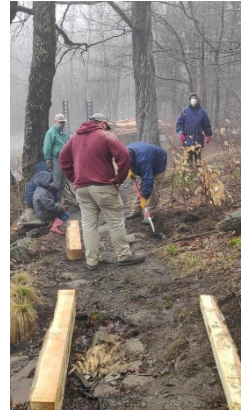
Volunteer Trail Leader

CATEGORY: Docent

SUPERVISOR: Volunteer Coordinator

LOCATION: On-site and remote

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. Trails in the park serve a wide variety of user groups including mountain bikers, hikers, horse-back riders, and snowmobile riders.



SUMMARY:

The Volunteer Trail Leader works with the Volunteer Coordinator and other staff to ensure the safety and sustainability of trails and that trails are user friendly. The Trail Leader will work with the public and trail crew to keep the trails clear of natural encroachment and debris. This position requires a knowledge of basic trail maintenance techniques, a familiarity with common trail tools, and strong communication skills to work with staff to make an annual plan. The Trail Leader organizes a monthly trail maintenance day May-Sept for the public and crew members. The Trail Leader oversees crew members, teaching the logistics of trail maintenance.

The Volunteer Trail Leader serves in a leadership volunteer role for the park as a Docent. This position is on-site for trail days but does require remote communication with crew members.

DUTIES:

- Oversee trail crew, teach basics of trail maintenance, and verify those who are able to work solo
- Clear downed logs, overhanging branches, leaves, garbage, and other debris from trails
- Report large trees blocking the trail or other major issues
- Offer monthly trail maintenance days May-Sept for the trail crew and for the public
- Oversee larger trail project as a part of I Love My Park Day and Falls Trails Day if possible
- Provide assistance and attend volunteer open house and group volunteer orientation trainings if possible
- Maintain strong communication with the staff volunteer coordinator

REQUIREMENTS:

- Successfully complete all volunteer and docent trainings
- Must have access to a phone or email and a reliable source of transportation
- Knowledge of basic trail maintenance (more advanced experience designing, building bridges, water breaks, etc. a plus)
- Experience using common trail hand tools: loppers, bow saws, pic axes, mcleods, etc.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a positive, outgoing attitude
- Work requires moderate to intense physical exertion and occasional exposure to a variety of weather conditions
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Minimal commitment of at least 60 hours per year

For more information, or to apply, please contact:

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