

Flag Ponds Park Maintenance 2023 Annual Report

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PURPOSE

Calvert Stewards help maintain and improve our nature parks.

VOLUNTEER DUTIES

- Volunteers help clear trails, clean up litter, help construct and repair boardwalks.
- Opportunities can be scheduled on a continuous basis or a one-time workday.

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Work independently and/or in teams.
- Remove debris from beach, trails and parking areas.
- Plant native plants, shrubs and trees.
- Assist with maintenance projects on trails and in gardens.
- Most work will be performed outside under varying weather conditions.
- Frequent exposure to weather and temperature extremes, noise, dust, and dirt should be expected.
- Work also includes exposure to: poison ivy, ticks, mosquitos, snakes, spiders and other wildlife.

SKILLS NEEDED

- Ability to walk and bend to perform tasks and requires exertion of moderate to heavy physical effort.
- May involve lifting and moving objects up to 50 pounds.

Optional, but Preferred, Skills

- Landscaping
- Basic Carpentry

TRAININGS

- Orientation through a workshop, in-person or via phone to understand the project.
- Ongoing opportunities to join scheduled projects.

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Hand tools and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers can bring their own as well.
- Volunteers must provide their own work gloves, water bottles and necessary snacks.

SUMMARY OF 2023 ACTIVITIES

- Trail Monitor: Janet Barnes volunteered as a trail monitor 1 day a week from January 1st to December 31st. She monitored trails and gathered liter and around the park. 115.75 hours.
- Trail Monitor: Kathy Wood volunteered as a trail monitor 1 day a week from January 1st to December 31st. She monitored trails, the beach and gathered liter and around the park. 121.5 hours.
- Trail Monitor: Anonymous +1s. Monitored trails and gathered liter and around the park. 55.5 hours.
- Spring Beach Clean-Up: Anonymous. Gathered trash and debris off beach. 5 hours.
- Total hours logged: 297.75
- Staff involved: Brian Bussard, Tori Hall, Greg Corrick, Shelley Bailey, Connor MacKenzie, Riley Brown, Andrew Miller.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

- Annual Calvert Stewards Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
- All Flag Ponds volunteers are invited to any staff activities that we hold. Including staff meetings, beginning of season luncheons, end of season luncheons, etc.
- Provided Janet Barnes and Kathy Wood their own sets of trekking poles.

FUTURE PLANS

- Offer more workdays throughout year.
- More scout/group opportunities.
- Day of Service projects.
 - Phragmites workday scheduled for April 20, 2024.

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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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