

# Flag Ponds Park Maintenance

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## **Project Leader:**

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Calvert Stewards help maintain and improve our nature parks.

## VOLUNTEER DUTIES

Get down to earth! Help clear trails, remove invasive plants, plant trees, maintain gardens, and assist with construction and maintenance projects.

Opportunities can be scheduled on a continuous basis or join one of our designated work days.

## REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS

- Work independently or in teams
- Remove debris and obstacles from trails
- Repair small boardwalks and piers over wet areas
- Install trail markers and wayfinding signs
- 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 the exertion of moderate to heavy physical effort
- May involve lifting and moving objects up to 50 pounds.

### **Optional, but Preferred, Skills**

- Basic carpentry
- Landscaping

## TRAININGS

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

## EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES NEEDED

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

## SUMMARY OF 2020 ACTIVITIES

- Trail Monitor: Andrew Miller volunteered as trail monitor/ volunteer park technician Friday through Sunday from the end of July until Labor Day, and weekends from Labor Day to the end of the year. He monitored the trails, worked with staff to make improvements, assisted with other park maintenance projects as needed, and aided in visitor services. 383 hours
- Trail Monitor: Janet Barnes walked all park trails once a week, cleaning up trash and other debris along the way, and reported major issues or unusual conditions to park staff. 42.25 hours

- Trail Monitor: “Tag along” volunteers that joined other regular trail monitors periodically. 7.5 hours.
- Native Plant Gardening: 3 volunteers attended a fall work day to remove invasive plants and replace them with native plants in the Education Building rain garden. 4.5 hours
- Total hours logged: 437.25
- Staff involved: Efforts coordinated by Taylor Lundstrom, but all park staff (Taylor Garner, Emma McCarthy, Jenny Yoder, Abby Rieve, and Taylor Quinn) assisted volunteers, provided direction, and training as needed.

## FUTURE PLANS

- Flag Ponds Trail Building, TBD
- Offer equipment/safety workshops and skills training
- Offer quarterly work days to accomplish projects in the park



Volunteer Park Technician Andrew Miller

*Supporting Calvert County's nature parks and natural spaces*



# CALVERT STEWARDS

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

*A partnership between Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Natural Resources Division*

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