

Allegheny County Park Stewards

Job Description – Trail Maintenance

The Allegheny County Park Stewards are caretakers for a trail, or a system of trails, in an Allegheny County Park, with the goal of maintaining sustainable multiuse trails. **This will be accomplished primarily by regular maintenance of the trail system by clearing corridor, working on the tread, installing structures, inventorying trail conditions and making suggestions to the Parks Rangers for future projects.**

Duties and Responsibilities

- Adopt a trail, section of trail or trail system in the Allegheny County Parks.
- Identify and inventory trail conditions.
- Work with Park Rangers to develop a management plan for your trail – recurring issues, problem areas, structure needs (install or replacement) and/or rerouting trails.
- Monitor your adopted trail at least 6 times/year, for a minimum of 24 hours/year. On each site visit:
 - monitor site for issues
 - perform corridor clearing and/or general tread maintenance
 - document and report conditions and changes to Park Rangers
- Assist Park Rangers with other stewardship activities on your adopted trail, such as volunteer projects, Park Ranger trail maintenance days and REI Trail Project Series events.
- Help coordinate and lead volunteer teams for larger projects on your adopted trail.
 - Lead at least one volunteer group project per year

Qualifications

- Have a love for your closest Allegheny County Park.
- Be willing to make a 2 to 3-year commitment to a trail in your favorite park.
- Be able to attend a required training session, to be offered annually in the Spring and Fall.
- Be able and willing to travel to your adopted park site.
- Be physically able and willing to use tools and perform moderately strenuous activities.
- Be personable and detail-oriented; have good communication and recordkeeping skills.
- Be at least 18 years of age.

Benefits

- Free core training on trail maintenance, sustainable trail design, land stewardship and volunteer management.
- Work with Park Rangers, Park Stewards and other volunteers with a similar commitment to conservation.
- Get to know a beautiful piece of your favorite County park in all seasons.
- Play a key role in caring for the Allegheny County Parks System.
- Have fun!

Allegheny County Park Steward Agreement

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

I, _____, agree to adopt and assist with the care of a section of the Allegheny County Parks System in order to improve and preserve the natural communities and increase the recreational value of the park system.

****By signing below, I agree to meet all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications outlined in the "Allegheny County Park Stewards Job Description" and agree to follow all Allegheny County Parks rules and regulations and only perform tasks outlined by the Allegheny County Parks and Allegheny County Park Rangers.***

Print Name

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Signature

Date