

Park Maintenance Projects

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Calvert Stewards help maintain and improve our nature parks. These projects are for the different parks county wide except Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, Flag Ponds Nature Park and Kings Landing Park; they offer opportunities specific to their parks.

VOLUNTEER DUTIES

Volunteers work independently as well as during scheduled work days to help clear trails, remove invasive plants, plant trees, maintain gardens, and assist with construction and maintenance projects.

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

- Beekeeping: Brian & Teresa Richards maintain the beehives at Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm. 288 Hours
- Trail Monitor: Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm: Once a month Joanne & Craig Simmons checked the trails and reported unusual conditions to Beau. 73 hours.
- Fishing Line Recycling: Lori Sampson contributed 24.5 hours in 2020
- Workday Wednesday: 9/16 & 9/30 Mary Ellen Boynton, 2.75 hours

FUTURE PLANS

- Gatewood Preserve Trail Building, March 5
- Recruit monitors for Hughes Tree Farm and Gatewood Preserve
- Offer equipment training and safety workshops

Supporting Calvert County's nature parks and natural spaces



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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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