



Volunteers-In-Park (VIP)



Each year, hundreds of individuals contribute their enthusiasm and skills to help preserve and protect Mount Rainier National Park, and educate visitors about this spectacular place. Volunteers perform a wide variety of jobs, from maintaining trails to leading guided hikes. The time commitment for volunteer work varies from one-day projects to full-time work extending over months or years. Both individuals and organized groups of all ages are welcome to volunteer (with parental approval for those under the age of 18). Most volunteer activity takes place from May through September as snow coverage limits access to most of the park's roads and trails during the winter months.

Common Volunteer Programs

- Campground Host
- Citizen Science Teams
- Curatorial Assistant
- Meadow Restoration/Planting
- Meadow Rover
- Nordic Ski Patrol
- Greenhouse Assistant
- Trail Repair & Maintenance
- Visitor Information Assistant
- Wilderness Patrol

Benefits

All volunteers at Mount Rainier National Park are granted free entry to the park, and are invited to stay at no cost in the Longmire Volunteer Campground, or any one of the park's other campgrounds, on their days of service. Additional benefits include experiencing a unique park

perspective, supporting the park's mission to protect and preserve the natural and historic landscapes for the enjoyment of all, and opportunities to meet many wonderful people, while giving back to the community in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Partner Volunteer Organizations

Mount Rainier National Park relies on the help of several organizations to organize and conduct work in the park. For information on volunteering with these partner organizations, please visit the following websites: **Mount Rainier National Park Associates** at www.mrnpa.org, and **Washington Trails Association** at www.wta.org.

Long-term volunteer opportunities in national parks are also available with

the **Student Conservation Association (SCA)** and the **GeoScientists-in-the-Parks** program. The SCA is a national organization that places volunteers in national parks and on other public lands. Mount Rainier employs several SCA resource assistants each summer. For information, visit www.theSCA.org. Information on the **GeoScientists-in-the-Parks** program, including available positions and how to apply, is available at www.geosociety.org/geocorps.

Contact

For information about positions we're currently hiring, and a calendar of upcoming projects, visit our volunteer blog at rainiervolunteers.blogspot.com

or our website at www.nps.gov/mora/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm, or call the park's Volunteer Program Manager at 360-569-6567.