



GWMP Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: Weed Warriors

Main Goals for This Position to Accomplish:

Reduce the threat of non-native invasive plants, protect rare species and restore the biological and cultural integrity of National Park Service lands.

Brief Description of Work to be Performed:

The George Washington Memorial Parkway is home to over 200 rare plants found nowhere else in the world! Rapidly spreading invasive species are threatening the park's biodiversity, damaging mature native trees and decreasing property values. Under the direction of NPS, volunteers will work to safely remove invasive species from the park. Target species include English ivy, amur honeysuckle, porcelain berry, multiflora Rose, mile-a-minute, and others. Volunteers will complete four hours of classroom and field training to learn species identification, proper control techniques, and safe practices. Volunteers will be assigned a work area or join scheduled work groups. All volunteers will be issued tools, wear a safety vest in the field, and record their work. No experience necessary, all training and equipment provided.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Volunteer must complete 4 hour Weed Warrior certification training.
- Volunteer must be able to work outside in varying weather conditions.
- Must be able to work safely with hand tools such as loppers, handsaws, hand pruners, and other common hand tools. Power tools are not permitted.
- Volunteers will need appropriate personal protective equipment i.e. gloves, appropriate shoes, safety glasses, insect repellent, and sunscreen as necessary.
- Volunteers must wear NPS issued safety vest identifying them as NPS volunteer during volunteer service.
- Volunteer must expect to have public contact and positively represent the NPS.
- Volunteer must record hours of service and report hours to supervisor.
- Volunteer must report any injury in need of medical attention to supervisor immediately.
- Volunteer must complete additional training as required by supervisor.
- Volunteers are not law enforcement and can not enforce any NPS policies.

Physical Requirements of Work:

Must be able to work outside in varying weather conditions. Be capable of hiking over occasionally steep, rocky terrain and working on uneven surfaces. Must be in good physical condition, able to kneel, bend, and lift up to 20 lbs.

Tools, Equipment, and Vehicles to be Operated:

- Hand tools such as loppers, handsaws, hand pruners, and other common hand tools will be provided by the NPS. Volunteers may elect to use their own equipment.
- The use of gas power and electric power tools such as chainsaws and weed wackers is prohibited.

Location Where Work Will Be Performed:

Almost all of George Washington Memorial Parkway is available for Weed Warrior activities. These include (but not limited to): Dyke Marsh, Arlington Woods, Turkey Run, Mount Vernon Trail, Potomac Heritage Trail, Fort Hunt, Great Falls, Fort Marcy, Theodore Roosevelt Island, and many more! Work location will and duties will be determined in coordination with NPS supervisor.

Benefits to the Volunteer:

- Volunteer hours are applicable to environmental and community volunteer service learning hours.
- Opportunity to meet like-minded individuals.
- Take an active role to assist the NPS in its mission to preserve and protect both cultural and natural.
- Save trees and promote healthy local ecosystems.

Time Commitment:

Once work areas are assigned, volunteers may work at their own schedule. Minimum commitment is 4-6 hours per month.

Position Supports Which Division:

Resource Management

Supervisory Contact Information:

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