



Florida State Parks Volunteer Portal

Quick Reference for Applicants

Join us in accomplishing our mission – to provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources. We appreciate you considering volunteering your time and talent to our team!

Welcome! You Can Browse Volunteer Opportunities before Applying

- Volunteer Portal: <https://volunteers.floridastateparks.org>
- From the top of the page, select **Opportunities**
- Search using locations, zip code or keywords or leave blank for the most results
- To apply, follow the instructions below
- Note: there may be additional opportunities available in parks. By submitting a general application to the locations that you specify, it will be forwarded to the appropriate volunteer coordinator(s).

Create your User ID and Password by Submitting an Application

- From the [Volunteer Portal](#), select one of the following **Applications**:
 - Individual Volunteer
 - Campground Host/Resident Volunteer
 - Group Volunteer
- Complete the entire form: volunteer opportunities are competitive - it is important that volunteer coordinators can fully review your background, experiences and interests.
- Submit only one application with all park choices and/or regions included, [Review regions](#). Multiple applications are not recommended.
- Your application will be forwarded to the volunteer coordinator(s) at the locations you specify.

After Submitting an Application

- You will receive an email confirmation that your application was received.
- Once your application is submitted, your User ID (email address) and password allows you to login to the [Volunteer Portal](#) at any time where you can view and update your application, browse or apply for additional opportunities.
- Parks make every effort to match volunteer opportunities with your skills, abilities and interests. Typically, a coordinator will contact you by phone or email to follow-up and to ensure there is a good mutual fit before a final selection is made. In the meantime, feel free to contact the volunteer coordinator directly. Park contact information is located on the Florida State Parks website <https://floridastateparks.org>.

Apply to a Specific Volunteer Opportunity

- Login to the [Volunteer Portal](#) using your **User ID (email address)** and password that you created by submitting an application.
- Select **Opportunities** at the top of the page
- Select the park(s) where you are interested in volunteering
 - **Tip:** leave all the fields blank to see the most results
- Click **Apply Here** to review the job details
- In the pop-up window, click **Sign Up** if you would like to be considered for the specific opportunity.
- Your application will now be reviewed by the park's volunteer coordinator.

Types of Volunteers

Individual Volunteers: Opportunities are diverse – examples of regularly scheduled positions include: Ranger Station Attendant, Park Maintenance Assistant, Special Event Coordinator, Tour Guide or Program Leader, Exotic Plant Removal, Beach, Waterway or Trail Rover and more.

Campground Hosts and Resident Volunteers: Serve a minimum of 20 hours a week for up to 16 weeks per park during the state's fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th). A campsite is provided in return at no charge during that time. Campground hosts answer questions, help with maintenance and are available for camper's late-night emergencies. Parks without campgrounds may also have resident volunteer opportunities. Inquire early. Parks book winter volunteers as far as 1-2 years in advance. Most parks need campground hosts in the summer. [Review parks with resident sites.](#)

Group Volunteers: Family, community, scouting, civic, corporate, church and student groups are invited to get outdoors and make a difference! Projects include beach clean-ups, invasive exotic plant removal, trail maintenance, special events and other park improvements. Parks often have exciting opportunities to get involved with alternative spring breaks, National Public Lands Day, Earth Day and more.

Selection of Volunteers

Parks make every effort to match jobs with volunteers' skills, abilities and interests. The needs of state parks are as diverse as volunteers, so volunteers with unique skills or abilities are encouraged to apply. Please contact the park directly if you require special accommodations. Potential volunteers will be interviewed before a final selection is made and a Sexual Offender background checks is conducted as required by state statute. If selected, you will sign a volunteer agreement that describes your responsibilities and take necessary training. All volunteers are covered under Florida's Workers' Compensation.

Thank you for your interest in supporting Florida State Parks!