



Florida State Parks Volunteer Portal

Quick Reference for Applicants

Join us in accomplishing our mission - to provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting, 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, 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 first location that you specify, it will be forwarded to the appropriate volunteer manager(s).

First, Create Your User ID and Password by Submitting an Application

- From the [Volunteer Portal](#), select one of the following **Applications**:
 - Individual Volunteer
 - Campground Host/ Park Resident Volunteer
 - Group Volunteer
- Complete the entire form: volunteer opportunities are competitive - Help a volunteer manager select you by thoroughly providing your talents, skills, abilities, 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 manager(s) at the first location that you specify. Now that your application is in the system, then you will also be able to apply to specific volunteer opportunities (see below).

After Applying

- 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 specific open opportunities.
- Parks make every effort to match volunteer opportunities with your skills, abilities, and interests. Typically, after reviewing your application a volunteer

manager 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 manager 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 when you filled out the 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. Opportunities are park specific, each keeps its own schedule, and each makes its own selection of volunteers based on park needs.
 - The best recommendation is to keep your application up-to-date, and thoroughly describe your skills, abilities, experience, and hobbies.
- 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 manager.
- Check **Opportunities** frequently as parks are always adding new opportunities.

Types of Volunteers

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

Campground Hosts and Park Resident Volunteers: Serve a minimum of 24 hours a week per campsite for up to 16 weeks in a 12-month period starting on the first day of occupancy. A campsite is provided in return at no charge. Campground hosts answer questions, help with maintenance, and are available for camper's late-night emergencies. Parks without campgrounds may also have park resident volunteer opportunities, [Review parks with campground and park resident sites.](#)

Pro Tips:

- Browse opportunities and apply directly to a specific open opportunity. The parks advertise their current openings <http://volunteers.floridastateparks.org/>.

- Coastal park openings are very competitive. Parks in the interior of Florida often have more openings - it's a good way to get started volunteering as a campground host.
- There are frequently more opportunities from April through October. November through March is a very competitive season for campground hosting opportunities.
- Parks book winter volunteers as far as 1-2 years in advance. Most parks need campground hosts in the summer.

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. Each park keeps its own schedule and selects its' campground hosts / park residents based on their park needs. 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 accommodation. Potential volunteers will be interviewed before a final selection is made and Sexual Offender background checks are 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 and general liability when on duty.

Thank you for your interest in supporting Florida State Parks!