



Volunteer Opportunities

Animal Habitat Ambassador

Volunteers are stationed at various exhibits throughout the Animal Habitat Area. These Ambassadors interact with visitors providing information regarding each animal on display at Grandfather Mountain. Ambassadors utilize the habitats and living animals within them to increase visitor awareness of conservation and environmental stewardship through fun and engaging interactions. **Time Commitment:** *April – October, Sunday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m. One shift per week is requested with a minimum of two shifts per month. Volunteers may work the entire shift, or arrange partial shifts within this time period with the volunteer coordinator. Volunteers are suggested to commit at least 50 hours of service (in addition to any required training).*

Conservation and Stewardship

Volunteers will assist various departments to achieve the Stewardship Foundation's mission to be good stewards of our environment. Stewards will help in a variety of ways including resource management such as treating hemlock trees against Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, conducting citizen science projects, assisting in daily weather and climate measurements, assisting in the recycling and composting efforts, trail maintenance to reduce erosion and water run-off, and possibly other ways of helping the Foundation meet its mission. **Time Commitment:** *April – October, Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Schedules are flexible and vary throughout the year based on what projects are available. Volunteers are suggested to commit at least 50 hours of service (in addition to any required training).*

Education Assistant

Education Assistants aid our naturalists and interpreters by helping assist in program set-up and support during programs by setting up tables, educational materials, support learners during programming, assist in guided hikes and outdoor activities. **Time Commitment:** *April – October, Sunday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m. Schedules are flexible and vary throughout the year based on educational programming and exhibit traffic. Volunteers are suggested to commit at least 50 hours of service (in addition to any required training).*

Exhibit Interpreter

Exhibit Interpreter volunteers spend time in the Nature Museum exhibit area sharing information with guests about our natural history exhibits. Exhibit Interpreters monitor the museum and help assist guests with information about Grandfather Mountain's natural history. **Time Commitment:** *April – October, Sunday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Schedules are flexible and vary throughout the year. Volunteers are suggested to commit at least 50 hours of service (in addition to any required training).*

Group Volunteers

Groups of volunteers are welcome to assist Grandfather Mountain staff with a variety of special projects in the park. Projects range from landscaping, trail work, animal habitat cleaning, trash pick-up, painting, non-native invasive species control, and special projects as they arise. These projects are based on specific needs in the park and are not always available.

Hospitality Host

Volunteers greet guests, share park information, answer questions, promote specials daily park events, and provide other services that enhance the visitor experience. **Time Commitment:** *April – October, Sunday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Schedules are flexible with no minimum hour requirements.*

Parking and Traffic Control

Volunteers are needed on holiday and busy summer weekends from May – August and October fall color weekends to assist in traffic control around the park as well as managing the traffic lines entering the park. In addition to assisting guests find a parking spot, volunteers will also help share park information and enhance the visitor experience through public interaction. **Time Commitment:** *May – October, Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Schedules vary based on traffic entering the park. No minimum hours of service requirements.*