



**Montgomery County Parks Department**  
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**VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:** TRAIL MONITOR  
**LOCATION:** Various park locations/assignment based out of nearest Nature Center  
**TIME:** Weekdays and weekends, during both the day and evening

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Montgomery County Nature Facilities provide a variety of natural and cultural history programs for the public and maintain an active exhibit area, grounds, and trails. Trail Monitor volunteers enjoy hiking and report the locations of unsafe conditions such as fallen trees, washed out trails, vandalism, areas in need of trash pick-up or maintenance, and provide park presence on the trail. They also report interesting or unusual observations of animals and plants.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Become familiar with the park trail system.
2. Report on interesting or unusual sightings of plants and animals.
3. Record and report instances of hazardous conditions or areas in need of maintenance.
4. Identify possible improvements in trail system.
5. Assist the public trail users in need of information, directions and report any first aide emergencies to Park Police.
6. May perform routine maintenance of trails (litter pickup, blazing, corridor clearing).

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Ability to walk park trails and use a park map.
2. Ability to work independently.
3. Ability to follow directions with accuracy and with attention to detail.
4. Solid communication skills.
5. Willingness to work on site at the designated nature facility.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Minimum age: 18 years old.
2. Ability to commit to a pre-arranged schedule.
3. References required.
4. Staff shirt/hat and nametag required (provided by nature facility).
5. Background check/fingerprinting possible.

**AUTHORITY:**

Use of park equipment, facilities and materials as needed.

**TRAINING:**

Successful completion of Nature Center Volunteer Orientation e-Learning course. On the job training provided by the Naturalist Staff.

**COMMENTS:**

Volunteers will generally be scheduled to work in pairs, except in the immediate vicinity of the nature facility or unless volunteer prefers to work independently. This position provides a valuable service to both the naturalist and maintenance staff as well as the public. We recommend that volunteers who monitor remote trail areas bring a cell phone with them. Approved for Family Volunteering.

**BENEFITS:**

Volunteers at Montgomery County Nature Facilities receive benefits, including program discounts, volunteer appreciation events, hands on educational opportunities and more. Please see our benefits flyer for a complete list