

## Trail Maintenance & Gardening Volunteer

Love to work outside with plants and soil? This might be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Individuals with a passion for supporting native vegetation are invited to apply to help us with habitat restoration, trail maintenance, and gardening around the nature center. As part of the CMNC team, you will contribute to the conservation of the beautiful and historic Gwynns Falls Leakin Park.

Working with the Carrie Murray Nature Center will expand volunteers' experience and knowledge of local invasive and native vegetation in Maryland's Piedmont region. Examples of duties may include: identifying and actively maintaining vegetation, removing invasive plants, installing native flowers and trees, removing unnatural debris, mulching trails, and taking care of wildlife habitat! Invasive plant management training is provided.

All volunteers will be oriented to our animal ambassadors, the history of the park, and the daily operations of the nature center.

### OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Understand how to identify local plant species
- Properly remove and dispose of invasive plants
- Lead trail restoration projects and maintain natural meeting spaces
- Maintain a safe and welcoming atmosphere around the nature center
- Learn about Gwynns Falls Leakin Park and its natural history
- Ensure that all visitors have fun and safe experiences at Gwynns Falls Leakin Park
- Demonstrate professional standards of communication, attitude, and appearance in all interactions with staff and the public

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Able to hike in various terrain and be on your feet for several hours
- Plant identification skills preferred
- Able to work with your hands
- Experience working with outdoor machinery and tools
- Strong interest in habitat restoration, gardening with native species, environmental science, or related field
- Excited to explore Gwynns Falls Leakin Park in all weather
- Have a kind, humorous, and considerate attitude!

### REQUIREMENTS OF POSITION

- All applicants will be subject to the following:
  - BCRP Volunteer application
  - Background Check
  - Fingerprinting

## CMNC Information

**DATES AVAILABLE:** Year-round. Hours also available for college credit and community service hours.

**SHIFTS AVAILABLE:** Long-term volunteers are typically scheduled to work the same day(s) for scheduling continuity. Shifts between 8:30am-4:30pm.

CMNC is open **Monday – Saturday** year-round, and **2nd Sundays from May – September**.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** CMNC requires volunteers to work at least 6 hours/month to remain active. This is either a full day or two half-days every month.

To learn more about Carrie Murray Nature Center, check out our website, subscribe to our newsletter, and follow us on social media: <https://www.carriemurraynaturecenter.org/>.

*\*Volunteers requiring hours for college credit or community service hours are welcome to work multiple shifts per week to meet their hourly and semester requirements, this will be coordinated with the Naturalist Staff team before onboarding.*

## Application Details

**TO APPLY** please submit an application, listed on the volunteer page on our website.

*This position description should not be interpreted as all inclusive. It is intended to identify the major responsibilities and requirements of this position. The incumbents may be requested to perform position-related responsibilities and tasks other than those stated in this specification. Volunteers will be regularly evaluated and given feedback on skills and performance. This is to help the volunteers work to their greatest potential and participate in their own success. The expectation is improved and sustained improvement. Failure to comply with policies, complete tasks satisfactorily, or communicate scheduling needs may result in suspension or termination from this position.*