

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Volunteer Preserve Monitor
Location: Various locations around Connecticut at TNC Preserves and legal interest properties

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

The Volunteer Preserve Monitor will be responsible for assessing the condition of his/her assigned preserve(s), including the status of trails, boundaries, signage, invasive plants, off-road vehicle use, and other maintenance or use issues. This assessment will be achieved via a minimum of two annual visits to the preserve, at which time trails and boundaries should be walked in their entirety. If time permits, four visits spread throughout the year is encouraged and appreciated. Field forms will be used to note any problems needing attention by CTFO Conservation Science staff.

DUTIES:

1. Complete annual site visit(s) no later than November 31, and return your monitoring field forms (which we will be sent yearly in October) to our office no later than the date requested.
2. At least once per year, make an attempt to walk the boundaries in their entirety to assure that no encroachment has taken place.
3. If trails are present, walk all trails to assess their overall condition.
4. Remove litter from trailheads, parking areas, and along trails.
5. Assess condition of signage.
6. Take note of any problems (i.e. dumping, camping, illegal hunting, off-road vehicles, etc.)
7. Report serious issues to TNC conservation staff ASAP
8. For transferred, reverter, and easement sites, attempt to coordinate site visits with the site owner, and/or advise the site owner of the visit in advance.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Ability to read survey and topographic maps, and orient oneself in the field (familiarity with a compass is helpful).
2. Ability to walk over uneven terrain, often for several hours.
3. Good organizational and record keeping skills.
4. Ability to provide own transportation.
5. Willingness to commit at least two years to the position.
6. A love of the outdoors and a desire to assist in the management of natural areas.

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