

The Disney Wilderness Preserve Volunteer Program

The Nature Conservancy at Disney Wilderness Preserve appreciates the willingness of volunteers who give their time and talent throughout the year. Listed below are various projects in which volunteers have participated. The month/seasons of the year are included as well as what level of physical activity is required (L=Light; M=Moderate; S=Strenuous). Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian.

Science & Restoration Projects



Wildlife monitoring (Jan-Sept, L-M) for Florida scrub-jays, Florida sandhill cranes, herp/small mammals (trapping and releasing) and deer & hog tracks. Training is provided and is required.

Other monitoring projects include gopher tortoise burrow mapping (spring, M-S), bluebird box monitoring (spring, M), Sherman fox squirrel mapping (year-round, L), annual butterfly count (July, M), created wetlands monitoring (Jan-Sept, L), well monitoring (year-round, S+), wildlife monitoring data entry (Jan-Sept, L).

Invasive plant removal (year-round, M-S depending on location), native plantings (varying times, M-S depending on location), seed collection (Oct-Dec, M).

Herbarium collection (year-round, M) and curation (year-round, L).

Building and Grounds Projects

Management and maintenance of butterfly gardens and native-plant landscaped areas (year-round, M-S), fence removal (varying times, M-S), trail, grounds, & building maintenance (year-round, M-S).



Operations and Outreach



Support for special events (year-round, L), library maintenance (year-round, L), guide for hikes (year-round, M), guide for buggy tours (year-round, L).

A knowledge of the preserve's cultural & natural history is required for tour guides.

If you would like to receive our volunteer emails announcing when opportunities are available, please contact Letty Zook at lzook@tnc.org or call (407) 935-0002, Ext. 125.