

The Disney Wilderness Preserve Volunteer Program

If you would like to receive our Volunteer E-News announcing upcoming projects or if you want more information, please contact Letty Zook at LZook@tnc.org or call 407-935-0002, Ext. 125. Projects are seasonal and the availability depends on the needs of the preserve. Group session or on-the-job training is provided and required. The seasons of the year are included as well as what level of physical activity is required (L=Light; M=Moderate; S=Strenuous). Volunteers must be 12 or older; and children, ages 12-17, must be accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian. Some projects may not be suitable for younger teens.

Science & Restoration Projects



Wildlife Projects: Florida scrub-jay monitoring (winter-summer, M); Florida sandhill crane monitoring (winter-summer, L-M); bluebird box monitoring (spring-summer, M); herp/small mammal trapping, tagging and releasing (spring, M); deer & hog track count (fall, L-M). Other monitoring projects include gopher tortoise burrow mapping (spring, M-S); Sherman fox squirrel mapping (year-round, M); annual butterfly count (summer, M); created wetlands monitoring (year-round, L-M). Volunteers may sometimes assist staff to monitor red-cockaded woodpeckers and eagles (spring-fall, M-S). Wildlife monitoring data entry is also needed. (spring-summer, L).

Science Projects: Well Monitoring (year-round, S); assisting staff with vegetation monitoring and photopoints (summer, M-S); Fire Effects Monitoring (fall-spring, M-S); Herbarium collection (year-round, M) and curation (year-round, L).

Restoration Projects: Invasive plant removal (year-round, M-S), native vegetation planting (varying times, M-S), seed collection (fall, L-M).

Building and Grounds Projects

Weeding & trimming the butterfly garden and native-plant landscaped areas (year-round, 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), interpretive guides for hikes (year-round, M), interpretive guides for buggy tours (year-round, L). Knowledge of the preserve's cultural & natural history and experience as a DWP Outreach assistant is required for tour guides.

For more information about The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve, visit our website at nature.org/disneypreserve