



Volunteer Role Open: Cedar Bluffs Preserve Monitor



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Time Commitment: About 2 hours monthly

Day of Week: Any, you choose day of visit

Location: Cedar Bluffs Preserve, 8484 S Ketcham Rd,
Bloomington, IN 47403

The Nature Conservancy in Indiana is looking for a dedicated volunteer to be the eyes and ears of our **Cedar Bluffs Nature Preserve** in Monroe County.

This compact 23-acre nature preserve is a stunning canyon habitat. It features 75-foot limestone bluffs and red cedars clinging to cliffs in a display of species adaptation to harsh conditions. Spring wildflowers, beautiful views, and interesting rock formations make this small preserve worth visiting again and again.

As a preserve monitor, you will assist our stewardship staff between their regular visits. Your work and observations will help Cedar Bluffs Nature Preserve be welcoming and well-maintained for other visitors to enjoy!

Duties may include:

- Walking the trail at least once a month to observe the condition of the trail, parking areas, gates, signs, and boundaries.
- Ensuring trail markers align with official trail and correcting any attempted non-official reroutes.
- Taking photos of issues that may need to be addressed by staff.
- Picking up and disposing of trash and litter found on the trail and on roadsides.
- Cutting back branches that have grown over the trail using pruners or loppers (no chainsaws).
- Moving small branches and debris off trails.
- Moving excessive amounts of leaves off the trails in the autumn with a leaf blower or rake (if able to do so).
- Reporting findings to Conservancy staff after each visit. Staff will discuss any issues and develop a plan to address them.
- Tracking your time and tasks so your efforts can be included in our annual volunteer reports.
- May also assist Conservancy staff with other trail maintenance and stewardship tasks as needed.

If you are interested in contributing your time and skills, please contact Esmé Barniskis at esme.barniskis@tnc.org.



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