



Volunteer Role Open: Douglas Woods Preserve Monitor



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Time Commitment: About 2 hours monthly

Days of Week: Any, you choose days of visit

Location: Douglas Woods, Steuben County

Duties may include:

- Walking the trail at least once a month to observe the condition of the trail, parking area, signs, and boundaries.
- Picking up and disposing of trash and litter found on the trail and on roadsides.
- Taking photos of issues that may need to be addressed by staff.
- Cutting back branches that have grown over the trail using pruners or loppers (no chainsaws).
- Moving small branches and debris off trails.
- Monitoring preserve for illegal ATV use or evidence such as tire tracks.
- 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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Our commitment to diversity includes the recognition that our conservation mission is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of people of all genders, diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and culture. Recruiting and mentoring staff to create an inclusive organization that reflects our global character is a priority, and we encourage applicants from all cultures, races, colors, religions, sexes, national or regional origins, ages, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military, protected veteran status or other status protected by law.

The Nature Conservancy in Indiana is looking for a dedicated volunteer to be the eyes and ears of our **Douglas Woods Nature Preserve** in Steuben and DeKalb Counties.

This 1,327-acre preserve contains one of the largest mature forests in northeast Indiana and features a variety of maple, oak, and hickory species. Fish Creek runs through the preserve and is a high-quality stream that provides habitat to several rare mussel species and many types of fish.

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

