



Minnesota's Volunteer Guidelines

Stewardship workdays are physically demanding. We work hard, but we also take breaks and enjoy the scenery. Frequently, tours of the preserves highlighting points of natural and historical interest are conducted.

On stewardship workdays we meet at the preserve itself. Car pools must be arranged independently.

Important Work Party Details:

- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, eye protection, sun protection, work gloves, a hat and sturdy boots.
- Bring a lunch, plenty of water to drink, tools such as loppers, axes, shovels and saws, if you have them. If you don't have tools, please come anyway; The Nature Conservancy will provide tools.
- The use of fire and power tools makes some of the work we do more appropriate for adults, but families are always welcome at seed collections and distributions.

Please Note:

- Participants under the age of 18 should be accompanied by a parent.
- Be aware that deer ticks are present on our preserves and use extra precautions (deet repellent to repel deer ticks), and check yourself thoroughly after each preserve work party. Deer ticks may carry Lyme Disease. If you would like more information about Lyme Disease and deer ticks, please call (612) 331-0700.
- If you have certain allergies or medical conditions that you feel may impact your abilities or others, please inform the work party leader.
- As a volunteer with The Nature Conservancy, accident coverage insurance is provided while performing scheduled volunteer duties, including travel directly to and from the activity.
- Please help us identify situations that represent unhealthy work environments by notifying a staff member of The Nature Conservancy.