



## Volunteer Job Description

National Park Service – San Juan Island NHP

**Job Title:** Trail maintenance

**Name of VIP:**

**Supervisor:** David Harsh, maintenance worker

**Location:** Throughout the park

**Project Duration:** Ongoing      **Hours:** 1-2 month commitment preferred. 2 hours per week minimum.

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### Description of Duties:

Volunteer work performed in Trail Maintenance will involve one or more of the following:

- Clearing trail of debris, large branches, and downed trees, mowing, brushing, sawing, pruning, clearing culverts of debris, and litter pickup. Additional duties may include participation in the construction and repair of bridges, turnpikes, and puncheons.
  - Volunteers will be responsible for visiting their designated portion of trails at least once per month to assess their condition.
  - Volunteers will report any hazardous leaning trees affecting trails to the NPS Maintenance Supervisor for NPS assessment prior to any corrective actions.
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### Benefits to VIP:

A deeper understanding of the park's role in preserving and protecting natural resources.

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### Goal/Outcome of Job:

The goal is to preserve and protect park resources and assist visitors.

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### Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:

1. Ability to take direction from NPS staff members.
  2. Willingness to commit to volunteer experience which includes at least one day per month along with trail maintenance projects at least one day per year.
  3. While performing trail work in the park volunteers will wear or carry the NPS Volunteer Patch they received during training.
  4. Ability to communicate with diverse trail user groups and other volunteers in a courteous, tactful, and professional manner.
  5. Ability to track and report volunteer hours to the San Juan Island Trails Committee each month.
  6. Physical capabilities of some lifting, ability to hike for extended periods of time and hardiness to carry out their duties in inclement weather.
  7. Volunteers under 18 years old require adult supervision and must be at least 12 years old to participate.
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## **Special Requirements: Safety**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) includes: first aid kit, sturdy work gloves and sturdy leather work boots. Individual volunteers are strongly encouraged to carry cellular phones whenever possible and practical in case of emergencies.

Safety considerations such as proper hydration, heat disorder, hypothermia, insect/animal bites & stings, and Lyme disease awareness should be discussed as appropriate given the work environment and season.

Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) will be available to the Volunteer for any specific trail maintenance projects and workshops in which they participate.