

# Volunteers-In-Parks



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## DEWA VIP Position Description

*(Volunteers can assist the National Park Service in many ways, including with visitor center operations, resource management projects, research work, historical and natural history programs, clerical assistance, historic restoration, park maintenance, and more.)*

**Job Title:** NY-NJ Trail Conference Trail Maintainers

### **Covid Statement:**

The NPS plan for adaptive recovery best practices follows the Center for Disease Control (CDC), federal and local guidance. In turn, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA) strongly recommends and encourages all volunteers to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html> while we are still in the global COVID-19 pandemic. Including:

1. Social distancing (6 feet) should be maintained.
2. Wear a cloth face covering when closer than six feet.
3. Wash hands with soap and water regularly for a minimum of 20 seconds.
4. Use a 60% or higher alcohol-based hand sanitizer when water and soap are not available.

### **Job Description:**

Volunteers will work to perform general trail maintenance, monitoring and reporting on trail conditions. General trail maintenance may include vegetation trimming and trash pick-up. All routine maintenance shall be performed to accepted standards. Contact with park will be made before proceeding with any project that involves rerouting of a section of trail, digging in or disturbance of previously undisturbed soil, or removal of vegetation outside the treadway. Adopted trails to be maintained include:

Walpack Ridge Trail  
Pioneer/Hamilton Ridge Trail  
Buttermilk Fall Trail  
Crater Lake/Hemlock Trail  
Orchard Trail  
Coppermine/Kaiser Trail

### **Skills needed/preferred:**

Volunteers will be trained by the NY-NJ Trail Conference on proper trail maintenance skills and techniques. All safety rules and regulations will be followed at all times. If any issues are noted that are

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beyond the capabilities of the trail maintainer, the volunteer will notify the park through the trail maintainer supervisor.

## Goal/Outcome of job:

Maintain trails so that they are safe, clear of debris and foliage, and report major issues with trails to the park.

## Benefits to volunteers (note training, if applicable):

Providing a safe place for hikers to recreate, giving back to the NPS, and interacting with the hiking public. Training is available for a variety of topics from the NY-NJ Trail Conference.

**Number of volunteers needed:** 6 or more      **Age requirement:** 18+      **Starting date:** N/A

**Government Computer Needed to be Used**      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_X\_\_\_ No

(Background check to be initiated by their  
Supervisor, VIP funds may be available from  
April – Aug)

**Government Vehicle Allowed to be Used**      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_X\_\_\_ No

(Valid DL + Defensive Driving Course needed)

**Location of position:** See list of trails above

**Supervisor:** Don Tripp      **Phone/Email:**

**Volunteer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_