Benefits of Volunteering at CNC

- Enjoy lifelong nature experiences and share your love of nature with others.
- Belong to a community that gathers for workshops, field trips and end-of-season parties, work with CNC staff and visitors as well as other volunteers.
- Volunteer 20 hours of time per year and receive a $40 membership credit, the equivalent of a one-year individual membership. You’ll enjoy free admission to CNC, a subscription to our quarterly newsletter, a discount in The Nature Shop and more!

“I volunteer at CNC to learn about and appreciate nature, and for the teamwork and friendship.”
— Steve I.

About CNC

Cincinnati Nature Center is a nonprofit, member-supported nature education organization founded in 1965. We offer 20 miles of award-winning trails, as well as educational and volunteer opportunities. CNC members and nonmembers are welcome to Rowe Woods in Milford, Ohio, just east of Cincinnati and spanning 1,025 acres, with 65 acres of old growth forest and 16 miles of hiking trails. Members can also visit Long Branch Farm & Trails, located in Goshen, Ohio, with 582 acres of forest and farmland and 4 miles of hiking trails.

The Rowe Visitor Center is open daily from 9 AM-5 PM. The grounds are open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, hours vary seasonally.

Join us!

Become a Cincinnati Nature Center member to enjoy free daily admission among other benefits. To learn more, visit www.CincyNature.org or call (513) 831-1711.

“I love the chance to design activities to help children notice and interpret what’s happening in the ponds, forests and fields.”
— Beth B.
## Volunteer Opportunities

### Education

**Children’s Saturday Programs**
Assist staff naturalists with Saturday morning classes for ages 1-13. Classes run in the mornings once a month.

**Early Childhood Education**
Help with the CNC Nature Preschool, Monday-Friday, mornings or afternoons.

**Hike Leader**
Lead a scout or other youth group on hikes on Saturday and Sunday mornings or afternoons throughout the year.

**Nature PlayScape Volunteer**
Assist children while they build forts, dig, play with water and explore the natural world.

**School Group Educator**
Lead small groups of school children (grades 1-6) through experiences in nature. School groups visit Tuesday-Thursday, 10 AM-2 PM.

**Trailside/Roving Naturalists**
Choose a few weekend hours each month to walk the trails greeting visitors or to run an education station on a specific topic. Ongoing interpretive skills training and guidance are provided.

### Land Stewardship

**Adopt-a-Spot Clean-Up Crew**
Make an immediate visual impact by cleaning up the roadside surrounding CNC. This group meets on the third Saturday of each month.

**Adopt-a-Trail**
Help maintain over 20 miles of hiking trails. Work days are flexible to fit your schedule.

**Herb Wall Gardener**
Contribute to the Krippendorf legacy and put your green thumb to use. Plant, weed, water and maintain the Herb Wall from April-September.

**Land Steward Team Member**
Preserve CNC’s habitat biodiversity by removing invasive species from our lands. Teams meet weekly on weekdays and Saturdays.

**Thursday Gang**
Assist the operations team with light construction and maintenance projects. Group meets every Thursday at 9 AM.

### Other Opportunities

**Citizen Science Monitors**
In the spring, help collect data on amphibians, bluebirds, butterflies and more. Work with a team led by a naturalist to monitor habitats once a week during the spring months.

**Maple Syruping Volunteer**
In February and March, when the sap is rising in maple trees, help collect, tend the evaporator in the Sugar House and lead short guided hikes.

**Special Events**
Help set up, greet visitors, manage parking, lead tours, serve refreshments, assist with children’s activities and more at CNC’s special events throughout the year.

**Special Projects**
We often have projects that require special skills such as sewing, carpentry, photography or equipment repair. We may have a need that fits your talent or interest.

**The Nature Shop Clerk**
Learn more about eco-friendly and local products, help others make responsible purchases, restock items, ring up sales at the register and greet customers with a smile.

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For more information on how you can become involved, contact CNC Community Coordinator, Marissa Tucker, at (513) 831-1711, ext. 128 or volunteer@cincynature.org