

Park Monitor Volunteer Application

Fairfax County Park Authority Park Services Division

Please ensure that all information on this form is complete. If an incomplete form is submitted, the volunteer may not be covered under the volunteer insurance policy!

Volunteer Information

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **H** _____ **W** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

(Sponsoring organization is required for Athletic Field and Dog Park Monitors)

Volunteer Interest

Athletic Field Monitor

Park with Field Numbers

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

4th choice: _____

5th choice: _____

Dog Park Monitor

Park

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

4th choice: _____

5th choice: _____

Trail Monitor

Park or Stream Valley

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

4th choice: _____

5th choice: _____

Volunteer Commitment

Days Available

q Sunday

q Monday

q Tuesday

q Wednesday

q Thursday

q Friday

q Saturday

Times Available

q _____

q _____

q _____

q _____

q _____

q _____

q _____

Time Commitment

q less than four hours a week

q four to eight hours a week

q eight hours or more a week

FOR

q less than two months

q six months to one year

q more than one year

How did you hear about Park Operations Division volunteer opportunities? _____

Volunteer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For further information, please call Park Operations Volunteer Services at (703) 324-8594
You will be contacted by park staff to discuss your application.

Trail Monitor Orientation

Trail Monitor Orientation will equip volunteers with the information needed to serve as Trail Monitors for Wakefield Park trails including Night Riding events. Information provided in the orientation includes information derived from the IMBA Mountain Bike Patrol operations. This information has been adapted to the specific conditions and requirements of Wakefield Park.

Volunteer training will include information on:

- Applicable FCPA park rules and regulations
- Identification of specific environmentally sensitive areas within the park
- Identification of limitations on use of trails
- Discussion of skills associated with IMBA Mountain Bike Patrol

The Trail Monitor is principally a passive activity. Volunteers shall not confront persons in violation of park rules and regulations or night ride rules. Volunteers should report emergencies to the Fairfax County Police or Audrey Moore RECenter only when necessary.

MORE will maintain a Trail Monitor schedule for each night ride.

Each Trail Monitor period will consist of two volunteers operating in a buddy system to allow response to observed incidents.

During each night ride event Trail Monitors shall attempt to ride all park trails. The Trail Monitors should stop frequently to observe surroundings and ongoing activities within the park.

For Night Riding events, the Trail Monitor should attempt to cover a substantial portion of the Night Ride activity to understand both the success of and concerns with Night Riding.

The Park Authority will provide the following equipment to volunteers when requested:

- First Aid Butt Pack (Butt Packs will include Trail Watch Identification)
- Trail Monitor Identification Card
- Trail Monitor T-shirt

Trail Monitors will assist in care and transportation of injured persons only to the extent qualified.

Trail Monitors will carry a cell phone, if practical, to support notification of authorities when necessary of incidents during the night rides.

Trail monitors will report on observations and conditions experienced during each night ride. Reports may be submitted by e-mail. A Trail Monitor log will be maintained at the front desk of Audrey Moore RECenter to log calls from the Trail Monitor, to file e-mail reports, and for use by volunteers in reporting results of Trail Monitoring.

Volunteers conducting trail monitor service other than night rides should also report observations to the Trail Monitor Log.

Trail Monitors are not required to carry equipment for or provide bicycle repair assistance due to the close proximity of populated areas in the event of a bicycle mishap.

Trail Monitor Application and Orientation Process

Trail Monitoring is being coordinated as a joint operation between the Audrey Moore RECenter Volunteer Coordinator and the Area II Manager responsible for the Wakefield Park Trails. The following steps are involved in the Application and Orientation process.

Volunteer fill out Trail Monitor Application

Obtain Digital Photo of Volunteer Trail Monitor

Make two copies of Application

Provide a copy of each Trail Monitor Application to MORE for scheduling

Maintain a copy of Trail Monitor Application in RECenter Files.

Submit Applications and Photos (by e-mail) to the volunteer coordinator at Audrey Moore RECenter at Wakefield Park. tom.kennedy@fairfaxcounty.gov

Train Park Monitor Volunteers per Trail Monitor Orientation

Provide Volunteers a Trail Monitor T-shirt and Identification Card (Audrey Moore RECenter).