



2018 MONTANA STATE PARK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Last updated August 29, 2018
(Parks are listed in alphabetical order)*

Please note that many of our parks would welcome the opportunity to work with groups when given ample notice. Feel free to reach out to your local park manager to discuss.

Anaconda Smoke Stack State Park

100 Smelter Road, Anaconda, MT 59711

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Site stewards – do you have experience in helping to build upon grass-roots initiatives? Would you like to be part of a citizen group that is passionate about preserving and protecting one of the tallest free-standing brick structures in the world? Come join us by sharing your talents in outreach, advocacy, and education as we seek to build a steady corps of volunteers who will help to promote this rich historical landmark. We are just getting started and welcome individuals willing to contribute a wide range of talents and skills to our group-building efforts.	Varies	Ongoing

Contact: Tom Forwood at tforwood@mt.gov or at (406) 287-3541.

Bannack State Park

721 Bannack Road, Dillon, MT 59725

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Trail maintenance – give back to your public lands as part of National Public Lands Day and help us beautify the trails and assist with ongoing park stabilization projects.	Half day	September 29
Bannack ghost walk assistance – join us for a spooky night of ghost stories. Volunteers are needed to keep bonfires tended throughout the night and carry lanterns for the ghost walks.	2-4 hrs.	October 26-27

Contact: Cassidy Bender at cassidy.bender@mt.gov or at (406) 834-3413.

Black Sandy State Park

6563 Hauser Dam Road, Helena, MT 59602

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Small maintenance project assistance – come help us with litter pickup, painting, trail maintenance, weed pulls, and other small projects.	From 2 hrs. up to a full day, and/or multiple days	Spring - Fall

Contact: Craig Putschat at cputchat@mt.gov or at (406) 495-3270.

Brush Lake State Park

1733 Brush Lake Road, Dagmar, MT 59219

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – this state park located in the grasslands of northeast Montana needs help providing excellent customer service by greeting visitors and answering questions. Full hook ups provided.	8 hrs. per day	May 1 - September 1

Contact: Chris Dantic at cdantic@mt.gov or at (406) 377-6256.

Cooney State Park

86 Lake Shore Road, Roberts, MT 59070

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – enjoy lake living as a campground host.	Minimum 3 wks.	Spring - Fall
Trail weed patrol – help us maintain our trails by walking and removing weeds as you enjoy the lovely views of the Cooney Reservoir and Beartooth Mountains.	From 2 hrs. up to a full day, and/or multiple days	Spring, Summer
Campground docent – stroll through the campgrounds greeting visitors, making friends, and providing valuable information to the public.	Minimum 1 hr.	May 18 - September 10
Zen mowing – join our team of synchronized mowers and enjoy the outdoors while riding on a lawn mower, cutting grass in perfect lines, and creating beautiful patterns for the public to enjoy.	Minimum 3 hrs.	May and June

Contact: Marina Matheson at mmatheson@mt.gov or at (406) 445-2326.

First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park

342 Ulm -Vaughn Road, Ulm, MT 59485

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Various – Immerse yourself in the fascinating history and buffalo culture of First Peoples. Come help us with special events, front desk operations, or, put your outdoor or primitive skills to use as part of our interpretative programming.	Minimum 2 hr. shift	May 20 - September 30

Contact: Alice Southworth at alice.southworth@mt.gov or at (406) 866-2217.

Flathead Lake State Park, West Shore Unit

17768 Hwy 93, Lakeside, MT 59922

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – lives at the park during the peak camping period. Primary functions include working with other park staff, implementing the campground reservation system, visitor assistance, and handling minor maintenance tasks (cleaning pit toilets, emptying trash, mowing/trimming, etc.).	35 hours per week	May - September

Contact Park Manager Brian Schwartz at bschwartz2@mt.gov or at (406) 755-2706 ext. 3

Giant Springs State Park

4803 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Ranger Station Associate – be the friendly face of Giant Springs and assist the rangers. Contact Clark or Fay (info below) for more information.	Minimum of 2 hr. shift	Now until - September (M, T, W)
Weekly Weed Terminators – become a terminator – a terminator of weeds. Contact Clark or Fay (info below) for more information.	From 2 hrs. up to a full day, and/or multiple days	Now until September (any day of the week)
Field trip leader – Lead nature walks and/or participate in educational tabling for students and groups. Contact Clark or Tamara (info below) for more information.	Minimum 2 hr. shift	Now until September (days vary)
Trail Maintenance Operative – join our monthly group and help remove noxious weeds from our trail system. Contact Clark or Fay (info below) for more information.	Minimum 2 hr. shift	Now until September (9 am-1 pm)
Fall Family Fest – assist with running fun family stations at our biggest event of the year. Contact Clark or Tamara (info below) for more information.	Minimum of 2 hrs. but 4 hrs. preferred	October 13 (12:30 – 4:30 pm)

Contacts: Clark Carlson-Thompson at ccarlson-thompson@mt.gov, Fay Schwieger at fay.schwieger@mt.gov, and Tamara at rangerstation1212@gmail.com or at (406) 727-1212.

Lake Mary Ronan State Park

50623 L.M.R. Road, Dayton, MT 59860

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – lives at the park during the peak camping period. Primary functions include working with other park staff, implementing the campground reservation system, visitor assistance, and handling minor maintenance tasks (cleaning pit toilets, emptying trash, mowing/trimming, etc.).	30 hours per week	May - September

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Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park

25 Lewis and Clark Caverns Road, Whitehall, MT 59759

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – morning and evening campground duties with time off to explore the nearby rivers, hiking trails and other Montana sites. Includes full hookups for RVs. Contact Rhea (info below) for more information.	3 days on/3 days off	Memorial Day - September 30
Visitor center docent – help make a visitor's trip more enjoyable by orienting them to the park, answering questions, and assisting in a small gift shop. Contact Rhea or Jake (info below) for more information.	Minimum of 4 hrs./day and at least 2 days/month, unless one has park desk experience	August 27- Labor Day weekend
Cave restoration assistant – learn about cave restoration by helping to address damage accidentally	Up to 6 hrs., including training	September 29

caused during public cave tours. Contact Jake (info below) for more information.		
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Contacts: Rhea Armstrong at rarmstrong@mt.gov or (406) 287-3541 and Jake Tholen at jake.tholen@mt.gov or (406) 287-3541.

Lone Pine State Park

300 Lone Pine Road, Kalispell, MT 59901

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Trail steward – here’s a chance to get your weekly exercise and help protect and maintain our public lands. Trail stewards commit to hiking a section of trails once per week to identify potential issues or hazards and then work with park staff to address.	2 hours per week	May - October
Park caretaker – lives at the park and helps to open and close entrance gates, assists at the visitor center and helps with small maintenance tasks. RV slip available with water, sewer and electric available.	Approx. 15 hours per week	May - September
Volunteer naturalist – assists or leads education programs for school groups and evening public programs.	4 hours/month	All year
Visitor Center welcome desk – come join a great crew of long-term volunteers by helping to greet visitors, answer questions about the area, operate the cash register, and help with administrative tasks.	2-3 hours/week	All year
Roving naturalist – greets and assists visitors enjoying park trails, helps to educate the public about park rules, and provides information on park resources and recreational opportunities.	2-4 hour shifts per week	All year, Thursdays-Sundays
Grounds and maintenance assistant – assists with grounds keeping, minor repairs, and weed removal.	Minimum of 10 hours per month	All year
Special event assistants – assists with special events, workshops, and trainings as needed and on an “on call” basis.	4-6 hours per month	May - September

Contact Park Ranger Derrick Rathe derrick.rathe@mt.gov or at (406) 755-2706 ext. 2

Lost Creek State Park

5750 Lost Creek Road, Anaconda, MT 59711

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – come spend time at a scenic and remote park. You’ll regularly interact with campers and active day users, and be responsible for minor cleaning, collecting user fees, and informing the caretaker and park manager of issues that may need to be addressed.	4 hrs. per day for a minimum of one month	May 28 - September 30

Contact: Tom Forwood at tforwood@mt.gov or at (406) 287-3541.

Makoshika State Park

1301 Snyder Avenue, Glendive, MT 59330

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Trail maintenance assistant – due to annual erosion the park’s 11 designated trails are constantly in need of attention. Come help us fix, reconstruct, and make sure the trails are safe. Tools, gloves and uniforms will be provided. No experience necessary.	6 hrs. per day	May 1 - September 30
Campground host – come support us by helping with campground reservations, undertaking light maintenance duties, and supporting great customer service. Full hook ups provided.	8 hrs. per day	May 1 - September 30
Visitor services assistant – each year we receive nearly 100,000 visitors and so the need for more customer service support in the visitor center is necessary. The assistant will help answer visitor questions, hand out park maps, and assist with sales at our gift shop.	8 hrs. per day	May 1 - September 30

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Medicine Rocks State Park

1141 Hwy. 7, Ekalaka, MT 59324

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – this state park is listed on the National Register of Historic places. Staff needs help answering visitor questions, fee collection, and light maintenance duties. Full hook ups provided.	8 hrs. per day	May 1 - September 1

Contact: Chris Dantic at cdantic@mt.gov or at (406) 377-6256.

Milltown State Park

1353 Deer Creek Road, Missoula, MT 59802

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
National Public Lands Day assistant – help plant native vegetation, beautify, and maintain our trails. No experience is necessary.	4 hrs.	September 22
Roving interpreter – share your knowledge of history, culture, and/or nature while greeting and talking with visitors while walking our trails.	Varies	Ongoing
Special event assistant – provide support for special events and programs by distributing marketing materials, helping to set-up activities, directing traffic, or staffing an information table.	Minimum 2 hr. shift	Ongoing

Contact: Olivia Hollis at Olivia.Hollis@mt.gov or at (406) 542-5533.

Pirogue Island State Park

Miles City, MT 59301

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Litter assistant – come help keep our park clean by picking up litter in the parking area and on the island once a week.	4 hrs. per day	May 1 - September 1

Contact: Chris Dantic at cdantic@mt.gov or at (406) 377-6256.

Rosebud Battlefield State Park

HC 42, Box 642, Busby, MT 59016

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Site steward – site stewards regularly hike around the park to monitor existing archaeological sites for damage or changes. These volunteers may also assist with updates to historical and archaeological files, photo monitoring, GPS of sites, and conducting basic research. Experience is ideal, but not necessary.	Minimum 1 day per month, but more preferred	May - September or October
Park/trail ambassador – help greet visitors, answer questions, take visitor attendance, and provide basic interpretative talks.	Minimum 1 day per week	May - September or October

Contact: Raymond Schell at Raymond.Schell@mt.gov or at (406) 757-2298.

Spring Meadow Lake State Park

2715 Country Club Drive, Helena, MT 59601

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Small maintenance project assistance – come help us with litter pickup, painting, trail maintenance, weed pulls, and other small projects.	From 2 hrs. up to a full day, and/or multiple days	Anytime

Contact: Craig Putschat at cputchat@mt.gov or at (406) 495-3270.

Tongue River Reservoir State Park

290 Campers Point, Decker, MT 59025

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Campground host – assist with campground duties, mow grass, and help with light maintenance projects. Water, electric, sewer, internet, and phone access available.	40 hours/week	May - September or October

Contact: Raymond Schell at Raymond.Schell@mt.gov or at (406) 757-2298.

Travelers' Rest State Park

6717 Highway 12 W, Lolo, MT 59487

<u>Volunteer position and description</u>	<u>Length of time</u>	<u>Dates needed</u>
Roving interpreter – interact informally with visitors as you walk around the park. Share knowledge about the Lewis and Clark campsite, local flora and fauna, the Native American history of the area, park rules, and more.	4 hr. shift	Ongoing

Education program assistant – learn the curriculum of a variety of field trips and lead school-aged children in place-based activities.	4-6 hr. shifts	Spring - Fall
Special events volunteer – help set-up activities and distribute event information; assist with directing traffic; and, help with marketing for indoor and outdoor activities such as lectures, community events, fundraisers, and festivals.	Varies	As needed
Naturalist – lead guided walks through the park or nature activities during special events. Help coordinate special events like park clean-up days.	4 hr. shift	June - October
Maintenance worker – help us keep the grounds and buildings of Travelers’ Rest looking good and safe for visitors.	Varies	Year round

Contact: Vernon Carroll at vcarroll@mt.gov or at (406) 273-4253.