



2018 MONTANA STATE PARK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Last updated July 18, 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>
Stack Centennial assistant – educate festival attendees about the park and its history, and potentially help lead bus tours between the festival area and the smoke stack, one of the tallest free-standing brick structures in the world.	Half day	August 8-12

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>
Campground host – enjoy lake living as a campground host.	2-4 months	Spring-Fall
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 remote state park needs help with noxious weed control, light maintenance duties, and providing excellent customer service by greeting visitors and answering questions. Full hook ups provided.	8 hrs. per day	May 21- September 10

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.

[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 volunteer – be the friendly face of Giant Springs and assist the rangers. Contact Clark or Fay (info below) for more information.	Minimum 2 hr. shift	April-September (on Mondays and Tuesdays)
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	April-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	April-September (days vary)
The once a month weed terminators – 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	June-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.

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park

25 Lewis and Clark Caverns Road, Whitehall, MT 59759

Volunteer position and description	Length of time	Dates needed
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 weekend through mid-July
Cave sweep – join a Wild Cave tour as the guide's assistant. Contact Rhea (info below) for more information.	Minimum of 3 hrs./day for 3 days, unless one has cave experience	July 29; August 5; August 7; August 12; August 14
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	July 8-26; August 27- Labor Day weekend
Fee station attendant – bring a chair, umbrella and book to enjoy a day at the campground fee station assisting visitors as they attend local music events. Contact Jake (info below) for more information.	Up to 6 hrs. per day	August 10 (2 pm - 8 pm); and August 13 (7 am-noon)
Cave restoration assistant – learn about cave restoration by helping to address damage accidentally caused during public cave tours. Contact Jake (info below) for more information.	Up to 6 hrs., including training	September 29

Contacts: Rhea Armstrong at rarmstrong@mt.gov or (406) 287-3541 and Jake Tholen at jake.tholen@mt.gov or (406) 287-3541.

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>
Education program assistant – the park has implemented an exciting education curriculum that is attracting more students, and now staff need extra help during educational field trips in April and May.	8 hrs. per day	April 23-June 1
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 help us by answering visitor questions, undertaking light maintenance duties, and helping with reservations. Full hook ups provided.	8 hrs. per day	May 21-September 14
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 21-September 14

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

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 remote state park needs extra help with answering visitor questions, fee collection, and light maintenance duties. Full hook ups provided.	8 hrs. per day	May 21-September 10

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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.	Sept. 29

Land improvement assistant – join us during our land improvement outings where you'll learn about planting, seeding, weeding, trash cleanup, trail work, and undertaking small maintenance tasks. If you have experience, we are also seeking small group leaders.	Meetings are bi-weekly and monthly for 2-4 hrs.	Spring-Fall
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 18-September 7

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
Help with public education – come help to deliver talks on proper lifejacket usage and fishing line disposal and share your appreciation for wildlife through our interpretative programs.	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 1-October 1
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.