



Trail monitors help maintain ACRES parking lots and trail systems by removing obstructions and reporting issues, ensuring a positive visitor experience. You are welcome to monitor at any open ACRES property. Please notify Reena of your choice, or if you would like us to help you find a preserve to monitor.

Key Responsibilities:

Volunteer duties may vary depending on your interest and desired level of involvement. Duties may include:

- Trail Maintenance—The parking lot and trail system should be cleared of trash and branches during each visit.
 - Fallen branches and foliage should be left on site but removed from trails and the parking lot.
 - Trim branches or foliage that hang over the trail to a height of at least 6ft.
 - Remove trash from the parking lot, roadside and trails.
- Reporting—Monitors act as ACRES “eyes and ears” on the preserves. Regular visits ensure that if there are any preserve issues, they are reported and we can respond appropriately. Remember that your safety comes first, if the situation is dangerous please call local law enforcement! Here’s examples of what to report:
 - Large trees and branches fallen across established trails or the parking lot that need to be removed by chainsaw.
 - Construction or maintenance needed on boardwalks, stairs or bridges.
 - Junk piles, abandoned cars and other large trash items that are not easily removed.
 - Vandalism, including cut trees, fire pits, broken structures or signs and spray paint on structures/signs or trees.
 - Tree stands, poachers, campers, foragers, commercial photographers and other individuals breaking preserve rules.

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years old, or under 18 with parental consent.
- Able to provide and use typical maintenance tools safely (pruning shears, gloves and trash bags).
- Able to hike uneven ground and carry equipment/tools through the preserve
- Visit the preserve at least once a month.

Reports To:

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Please report your hours and notes online at [acreslandtrust.org/volunteer-time-entry](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/volunteer-time-entry) or email Reena. Reporting your hours keeps your volunteer status active!