



## Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs Sample Volunteer Project List

Properties are listed alphabetically. Each list has suggestions from properties, and the list can change depending on the season. Not all properties are listed, but similar activities are available in most locations. If you cannot find your favorite DNR property or have questions with what you see, contact the volunteer coordinator at that property.

**Property:** Brookville-Whitewater 765-647-2657

### **Projects individual volunteers or groups (like scouts) can do:**

- Litter clean up on trails or in public areas (including Adopt-A-Ramp); Lakeshore cleanup
- Plant trees
- Trail maintenance (and Adopt-A-Trail) or mapping
- Campground or Nature Center Host
- Naturalist Aide/Activity Aide
- Flower bed maintenance
- Wildlife Surveys
- Invasive Species removal/control
- Structure maintenance (painting, carpentry work)
- Build bird feeders or bird houses
- Build bat boxes
- Disperse salt blocks for wildlife
- Build fish attractors
- Maintain hunter check-in boxes
- Maintain property signs
- Present a program: Outdoor skills (camping, paddling, outdoor ethics, outdoor safety), Swimming lessons, Musical or Dramatic (storytelling) entertainment, Cooking, Art/Crafting, History, Science, Hunter safety/education

### **Projects a family can do:**

- Litter clean up on trails or in public areas (including Adopt-A-Ramp)
- Lakeshore cleanup
- Plant trees
- Trail maintenance (and Adopt-A-Trail) or mapping
- Campground or Nature Center Host
- Naturalist Aide/Activity Aide

- Flower bed maintenance
- Wildlife Surveys
- Structure maintenance (painting, carpentry work)
- Build bird feeders or bird houses (wood duck boxes, bluebird houses, etc.)
- Build bat boxes
- Disperse salt blocks for wildlife
- Build fish attractors

**Property:** Brown County State Park 812-988-5240

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Building host at nature center
- Several display/exhibit projects in nature center
- Weed/mulch Interpretive Garden, flower beds at park office, garden by NC bee hive, camper booth
- Gatehouses
- Maintain bird viewing area (fountain upkeep, feeder repairs, clean glass, and etc.)
- Fire tower host
- Keep all trailhead boxes stocked w/ maps
- Update sign inventory in old barn
- Exotic plant removal
- Help with camper booth check-ins
- Hand tool inventory and maintenance
- Laminate flyers to post on bulletin boards
- Organize/inventory all interpretive handouts

**Projects a family can do:**

- Clean all interpretive kiosk panels
- Check all trail signs for proper location, condition, etc.
- Check for nails on all boardwalks, bridges, stairs, etc.
- Exotic plant removal
- Trash pickup at both lake parking lots, shelters, trails and vistas
- Pass out program schedules to campers
- Sort out stored recyclables
- Install property boundary signs where practical
- Clean nature center

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Move boardwalks to Lake Ogle trail
- Carry out all broken picnic tables from both lakes
- Walk all roadsides for trash; trash pick-up all other areas
- Wove rip-rap to eroded areas
- Straighten all split rails, road chevrons, etc.
- Exotic plant removal
- Clean out all bird, bat houses

- Help distribute gravel where needed
- Trail vegetation-trimming
- Install new mulch in nature center bird area
- Fence-painting
- Install lakeshore trail erosion bars/replant vegetation

**Property:** Charlestown State Park 812-256-5600

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Pick up litter along hiking trails

**Projects a family and groups (like scouts) can do:**

- Pick up litter along Fourteen-mile creek and the Ohio River

**Property:** Clifty Falls State Park 812-273-0609

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Nature Center Hosting/Assistance
- Special Events Assistance
- Landscape Stewardship

**Projects a family can do:**

- Nature Center Landscape Stewardship
- Creek Cleanup

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Trail Maintenance
- Resource Management/Invasive Control
- Property Landscape Stewardship
- Creek Cleanup

**Property:** Fort Harrison State Park 317-591-0122

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Trail Patrol for unleashed dogs
- Litter pick up

**Projects a family can do:**

- Litter patrol along Fall Creek

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Eagle Scout level candidates can bring large troop-level numbers of scouts to supervise for the cutting and spraying of the Asian Bush Honeysuckle in the historic Walnut Plantation or across the State Park where there are large clumps of Honeysuckle

**Property:** Hardy Lake 812-794-3800

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Lake Sweep Event on April 24
- Help with cleaning and maintenance at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center
- Help to care for permanently injured birds of prey including feeding
- Help to care for rehabilitating birds of prey including feeding and medical treatment
- Help to raise and care for rats and mice and rabbits used as a food source for birds of prey

- Help in offering interpretive programming on and off property. We are always looking for people that have unique hobbies that can be shared with the public; i.e.: birding, crafts, hiking, etc

**Projects a family can do:**

- Lake Sweep Event April 24

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Lake Sweep Event April 24

**Property:** Harmonie State Park 812-682-4821

**Projects individual volunteers, families or groups (like scouts) can do:**

- Walk trail and pick up trash
- Clean up at the nature center
- Clean up flower beds and plant flowers
- Clean up around the ponds
- Painting
- Clean out bird boxes
- Help with special events

**Property:** Indiana Dunes State Park 219-926-1390

**Projects individual volunteers and families can do:**

- Garlic Mustard Pulling
- Beach clean up
- Weekend Nature Center staffing
- Nighttime owl banding project volunteers (March, October)

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Same as above
- Small foot bridge construction (must provide materials)

**Property:** Lincoln State Park and Col. Jones Home 812-937-4710

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Assist with invasive species management program
- Pick up litter
- Assist with operations at the Nature Center, including clean reptile cages
- Help maintain herb garden at Col. Jones Home
- Assist at Lincoln Amphitheater

**Projects a family can do:**

- Assist with invasive species management program
- Pick up litter
- Assist with operations at the Nature Center, to include cleaning reptile cages
- Help maintain herb garden at Col. Jones Home
- Plant native trees
- Work on bulletin boards
- Assist at Lincoln Amphitheater

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Assist with invasive species management program

- Pick up litter
- Acquire and plant native trees
- Assist with fall events during October
- Assist at Lincoln Amphitheater

**Property:** McCormick's Creek State Park 812-829-4344

**Projects individual volunteers and groups (like scouts) can do:**

- Hike the creek and collect litter
- Hike trails and collect litter

**Projects a family can do:**

- Assist nature center to clean birdfeeders, feed birds
- Hike trails and collect litter

**Property:** Mississinewa Lake 765-473-6528

**Projects individual volunteers and groups (like scouts) can do:**

- Litter pick up
- Repair picnic tables

**Projects a family can do:**

- Walk trails for litter
- Pick up sticks in camp areas

**Property:** O'Bannon Woods State Park 812-738-8234

**Projects individual volunteers, families or a group (like scouts) can do:**

- Pick up trash at any of the four canoe access sites
- Remove brush and limbs off trails
- Pull weeds at the NC gardens
- Clean livestock pens
- Assist in spreading lime on accessible trail
- Spread sand in pond for accessible trail
- Stack and load firewood

**Property:** Ouabache State Park 260-824-0926

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Trim hiking/bike trails
- Assist the interpreter with programs/bulletin boards, etc.
- Maintain all flower beds
- Assist with special events
- Assist with resource management projects
- Pick up litter throughout the park including trails
- Perform minor repairs to paddleboats
- Bundle firewood
- Clean up trash, etc. along the bank of the Wabash River

**Projects a family can do:**

- Litter pick up
- Trim hiking/bike trails

- Assist the interpreter with programs/bulletin boards, etc.
- Maintain all flower beds
- Assist with special events
- Assist with resource management projects

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Trim hiking and bike trails
- Bundle firewood
- Clean up along the banks of the Wabash River
- Assist with resource management projects

**Property:** Potato Creek State Park 574-656-8186

**Projects individual volunteers and groups (like Scouts) can do:**

- Trash pick up
- Invasive plant control
- Trail trimming

**Projects a family can do:**

- Trash pick up
- Invasive plant control

**Property:** Prophetstown State Park 765-567-4919

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Pulling Garlic Mustard
- Trash along Tippecanoe and Wabash River
- Trash along Harrison Creek
- Harvesting Wildflower seeds (Fall)
- Manicuring Wildflower beds and Islands

**Projects a family can do:**

- Pulling Garlic Mustard
- Pulling Sweet Clover
- Harvesting Wildflower Seed (Fall)

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Replacing Wood duck boxes
- Making more Eastern Bluebird boxes
- Trash Pick up along Tippecanoe and Wabash
- Landscaping around trail benches

**Property:** Salamonie Reservoir 260-468-2125

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Help split firewood
- Build wood duck boxes
- Pull weeds in flowerbeds

**Projects a family can do:**

- Adopt a trail

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Adopt a trail

**Property:** Shakamak State Park 812-665-2158

**Projects individual volunteers or families can do:**

- Litter clean up on trails or in public areas
- Remove brush and limbs off trails and in campground
- Be a Nature Center Host
- Help clean Nature Center
- Prepare and clean bulletin boards (materials provided)
- Flower bed planting or maintenance
- Special events assistance

**Projects a group (like scouts) can do:**

- Removing invasive plants
- Building or maintaining bat boxes
- Building blue bird boxes
- Assist with special events
- Trail or campground clean up

**Property:** Summit Lake State Park 765-766-5873

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- Flower bed preparation, trail clean up

**Projects a family can do:**

- Flower bed preparation, trail clean up, ready pumpkin patch

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Trail clean up
- Campground clean up
- Youth Tent area clean up
- Remove old split rail fence at entrance and fill holes from posts
- Bark chip around campground trees
- Replace boundary signs

**Property:** Tippecanoe River State Park 574-946-3213

**Projects individual volunteers can do:**

- River Cleanup
- Volunteer at Nature Center
- Special Events Assistance
- Assist Naturalist with Programs
- Campground Cleanup picking up Limbs and Raking Leaves
- Resource Inventories
- Birds and Waterfowl Inventories
- Maintain Flower Beds
- GPS Trails
- Clean Roadside Trash
- Build Bird & Bat Boxes

**Projects a family can do:**

- Build Bat Boxes
- River Cleanup

- Fill Bird Boxes with food
- Paint property signs
- Clean Nature Center
- Maintain Flower Beds.
- Campground Cleanup picking up Limbs and Raking Leaves

**Projects a group (like scouts) volunteers can do:**

- Build Bat Boxes
- Build Wood Duck Boxes/Maintain Duck Boxes
- Adopt a Trail Cleanup
- Build Bird Houses
- Resource Management
- Build Manure Pits