

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP

If you want to sign up to volunteer, Adopt a Park, or learn more about starting a Parks Friends Group, please scan the QR code below or visit **SpokaneParks.org/volunteer**



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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER FOR PARKS & REC

SPOKANE PARKS & RECREATION VOLUNTEER MISSION STATEMENT

Provide assistance to Spokane Parks by volunteering time, talents, and treasure for the enhancement of Spokane's parks through environmental education, beautification, and preservation.

PARK SUPPORT LADDER

LEVEL 1: VOLUNTEER

Contact us if you have a specific project in mind or pick one of the examples below:

- Clean up a local park
- Pull weeds, plant and tend to flowers
- Plant or water new trees
- Assist with a program or special event

See a variety of opportunities at SpokaneParks.org/volunteer

LEVEL 2: ADOPT A PARK

Adopting a Park means your group is committed to routine volunteer efforts to care for a park for at least one year. This could be:

- Trash clean ups
- Trail maintenance
- Locking/unlocking gates
- Wildfire suppression and more

Your group can be large or small; we just ask that members have volunteer experience and sign a basic group agreement annually.

LEVEL 3: FRIENDS GROUP

Want to do more? Form a Park Friends group! Friends groups commonly do the following:

- Fundraise for park improvements
- Host events to activate the park
- Help set the vision for the park's future
- Continue routine caretaking

We ask that Park Friends groups have at least one year of Adopt a Park experience, and work with us to form an agreement outlining the ways we'll work together.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER

- ✓ **Tasks That Match Your Interests**
- ✓ **Training and Orientation**
- ✓ **Courtesy, Gratitude, & New Friends**

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING

Spokane's parks have benefited from a long history of committed volunteers.

Many groups and individuals have given their time to make our recreation programs and parks enjoyable for all. Please help us continue this tradition by volunteering at the parks you care about most.

COMMON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ **Trail Repairs and Improvement**
- ✓ **Wildfire Risk Reduction**
- ✓ **Gardening, Planting & Watering**
- ✓ **Cleaning & Picking Up Trash**

WHAT IS A PARK "FRIENDS" GROUP?

Park Friends groups are a group of volunteers who support and advocate for a specific park or group of parks. They serve as ambassadors, community advocates, and stewards of their chosen park. Groups range from highly active 501(c)3 to smaller scale grassroots groups.

HOW TO START YOUR OWN GROUP



MEET US & RECRUIT BOARD MEMBERS

Give us a call to talk about your goals and talk with your fellow park-goers.



CREATE A MISSION STATEMENT

Consider your group's purpose, business, values, goals, and actions.



PARTNER WITH PARKS & REC

Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Spokane Parks & Rec, then meet with your group's liaison.



GROW YOUR GROUP

Host volunteer projects, events, and lectures to expand your membership.

