



City of Puyallup

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM



ADOPT-A-TRAIL VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION FORM

Position: Adopt-a-Trail Volunteer

Department: Parks and Recreation

Program Supervisor: Chris Beale, (253) 841.5418 or cbeale@puyallupwa.gov

Goals of the Adopt-a-Trail program are:

- To ensure the continued enjoyment of trails in Puyallup parks and open spaces
- To unite those interested in responsible land management practices through maintenance of trails and public education
- To promote public land stewardship, physical fitness, and community

Volunteers who choose to Adopt-a-Trail receive training and instruction on proper trail maintenance techniques. All necessary tools and equipment will be provided. The only requirement to adopt a trail is to have a genuine concern for the well-being of our natural resources. Garden clubs, scout troops, youth groups, individuals, special interest clubs, church organizations, families, neighborhood associations, students, school organizations and private industries are encouraged to get involved. A one-year commitment is required.

Volunteers serve as stewards of local trails through the Adopt-a-Trail program with responsibilities for reporting on trail conditions, regular minor trail maintenance and an annual improvement project. Volunteers reports directly to the Adopt-a-Trail program supervisor.

Duties:

1. Responsible for visiting trails at least once per month to assess their condition.
2. Responsible for removing sticks and other debris from trails and reporting usually or suspicious events on the trail.
3. Responsible for filling out a one-page report on trail condition at least once per month and returning it to program supervisor.
4. Responsible for coordinating a trail service or beautification project, along with program supervisor and trail supervisors, at least once per year.
5. Responsible for committing to the program for at least one year.

Training

1. Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation prior to participating in the program.
2. Volunteers are required to attend a trail maintenance training and an on-site visit to the trail segment proposed to be adopted prior to participating in the program.

Volunteer Requirements:

1. Ability to take directions from program supervisor
2. Ability to communicate with co-workers, other volunteers and members of the general public in a courteous, tactful, and professional manner.

3. Willingness to commit to volunteer experience which includes at least one day per month along with trail maintenance projects at least one day per year.
4. Ability to track and report volunteer hour to the program supervisor by the last day of the month.
5. Willingness to commit to the program for at least one year.
6. Good oral and written communication skills.
7. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age.

Difficulty of Work:

Some lifting, ability to hike for long periods of time, and ability to be in the elements is required.