

Volunteer Opportunities

Administrative

Office Assistant: Nature Center & Senior Center

Assist staff with data entry, filing, organizing, greeting the public, sharing information and answering phones.

Project Assistant: Nature Center, Senior Center & Parks Admin

Assist staff with special projects that may involve research, design, organizing class supplies, newsletter mailing, bulletin board display, cutting, laminating and more.

Exhibits: Nature Center

Help create, update and organize educational exhibits at the Nature Center, as needed.

Education

Instructor: Nature Center

Do you like nature and working with kids? Volunteer instructors are needed for our outdoor, hands-on classes, working with grades K through 5, during the spring and fall terms. Various shifts available and training is provided.

Class Assistant: Nature Center

Help instructors with supplies and lessons during outdoor, hands-on classes, described above.

Service Learning Instructor: Nature Center

Help needed with both the “service” and the “learning” when a school class schedules a two-hour visit to North Mountain Park. Half of the students are taught a short environmental lesson while the other half help with park grounds maintenance. Then they switch. Various days and times.

Instructor: Senior Center

Share your knowledge and skills by teaching a class for seniors. We’re open to a wide range of topics, so don’t hesitate to offer suggestions. Computer instructors are always needed!

Birding: North Mountain Park Nature Center

Monitoring: Join a team of experienced birders to assist with data collection, habitat care or education.

Education: Lead North Mountain Park bird walks or host Project Feederwatch bird counts. Not an experienced birder? You can also assist experienced birders to increase your birding knowledge.

Food & Friends

Lunch is served Monday-Friday at the Ashland Senior Center and volunteers help with set-up, serving and clean-up. Meals-on-Wheels drivers are also needed. No cooking involved.

Student Projects

Come chat with us about completing your high school, Eagle Scout, college practicum or capstone project.

Gardening

Adopt-a-Garden & Drop-in Gardening: North Mountain Park

Gardeners of all levels are encouraged to join our garden community. Volunteers can “drop-in” any Wednesday morning from March to November for community work parties, or commit to weekly maintenance throughout the summer by adopting a garden of your own.

Japanese Garden: Lithia Park

Help maintain the Japanese Garden in Lithia Park. Training provided.

Parks

Adopt-a-Park & Grounds Maintenance: All Parks and Trails

Groups are welcome to **adopt-a-park** or trail and only need to volunteer four times a year. Prefer to drop in sporadically? Sign up to be notified when we head out for a two-hour Saturday morning “work party.”

Nature Play: North Mountain Park

Help maintain the kid-friendly Nature Play located at North Mountain Park.

Seasonal

Lithia Park Host

Staff an information table located at the front of Lithia Park. Must be able to wheel a cart and set up a folding table and chairs. May-September.

Ice Rink Host

No skating experience necessary! Volunteers help ice rink staff during busy school group and rec skate sessions at our seasonal Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink, located in Lithia Park. November-February.

Trail Host

If you like to hike, this volunteer job is for you! Trail hosts help other hikers on the trails and let staff know when a tree is down, trails need maintenance or you see fire/safety issues.

Lithia Park Guide

Lead guided tours of Lithia Park, educating participants on the flora, fauna and history of Ashland’s “Crown Jewel.” Training provided and required.

Special Events

Ashland Community Bike Swap: First weekend in April

Sell your bike, buy a bike (or both!) at the Rogue Valley Bike Swap. Various shifts and positions are available including bike in-take, set-up and miscellaneous event madness! Location: The Grove, 1195 E Main St.

Ashland World Music Festival: Third weekend in May

All day music festival at the Lithia Park Bandshell offers various volunteer opportunities: set-up, tabling, parking control and take down.

Bear Creek Salmon Festival: First weekend in October

It’s all about the environment! Family-friendly event held on the grounds of our North Mountain Park Nature Center. Interactive booths, music, food trucks and more. Various volunteer shifts and positions are available.