

Once we receive your Volunteer Interest form, a Friends' volunteer will contact you to learn more about your specific interests and discuss how you can get started volunteering at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

When you attend a volunteer activity, you'll have the opportunity to talk to other volunteers or Refuge staff members about other areas that may be of interest. It's an easy way to get started.



Mail this form to:

Friends of Great Swamp NWR, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

or

Drop off the completed form at the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township.

Check the Friends website for current Visitor Center hours.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1960 and consists of 7,855 acres of land set aside for wildlife in Morris County. The Refuge also provides excellent recreational opportunities. The Refuge is managed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as one of more than 560 refuges nationwide in the National Wildlife Refuge System.



Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
www.fws.gov/refuge/great_swamp/
973-425-1222

Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1999 as a non-profit New Jersey corporation. Friends is an all-volunteer, membership organization providing funding for Refuge initiatives as well as volunteers for Refuge projects. The Friends have a formal Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Friends operate a nature shop in the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center. Proceeds are used to fund Refuge projects.



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Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Make a Difference

Volunteer



Photo: Richard Harris

Join Our Team

Welcome Volunteer!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. There are many different kinds of volunteer opportunities with a flexible time commitment based on your availability. The volunteer commitment may be weekly, monthly or year round, although some activities are seasonal. Training is provided.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge has a robust volunteer program. In 2021, 143 active volunteers donated more than 14,000 hours.



Volunteer Benefits

- Continuous learning opportunities.
- Making new friends.
- Working alongside Great Swamp NWR staff.
- Volunteer awards.
- The opportunity to make a difference!

*Volunteers play a vital role
and every volunteer hour counts.*

Check All That Interest You

Mostly Seasonal (March–October)

- ☐ **Invasive species control:** Join a crew for manual and chemical control of invasive plant species. Weekdays only.
- ☐ **Gardening:** Plan, plant, weed, and maintain native plant gardens at Visitor Center. Weekdays only.
- ☐ **Group Tours:** Assist with guided walks for school groups, and community organizations. Weekdays and weekends.
- ☐ **Outreach:** Staff a display at events and present programs to groups. Weekdays and weekends.
- ☐ **Construction Crew:** Carpentry projects; building and repairing boardwalks, bridges and kiosks; maintenance projects. Weekdays only.

Year-round

- ☐ **Wildlife Observation Center Staffing:** Greet visitors and introduce them to the Refuge. Outdoors. Weekdays and weekends.
- ☐ **Trail maintenance:** Maintain trails, mostly in the Wilderness Area. Set your own schedule.
- ☐ **Visitor Center Host:** Greet visitors and provide refuge orientation. Handle sales in Friends Nature Shop. A minimum of two to three shifts per month required. Weekdays and weekends.
- ☐ **Strike Team:** Protect and restore native habitats by eradicating invasive plant species before they can establish themselves. Weekdays only.
- ☐ **Publicity, social media, writer, editor:** Post to Facebook, help manage website, write for newsletter and electronic newsletter, Happenings. Set your own schedule.

Your Contact Information

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Preferred phone # _____

E-mail _____

Date _____

Let us know about your special skills, experience, expertise, and interests.

Are you available

Weekdays (M / T / W / Th / F) (a.m. / p.m.)

Weekends (Sat / Sun) (a.m. / p.m.)

☐ Check if you are 16 or younger.

Note: Parents must accompany volunteers age 16 and younger while volunteering.

Volunteer eNews Bulletins

We like to keep volunteers informed of important news, schedules, and volunteer opportunities by email. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for Happenings for Volunteers, our periodic eNews bulletin, please check here. It's easy to unsubscribe at any time.

- ☐ Yes! Please add my name to the Happenings for Volunteers distribution list.