



## Volunteers-In-Parks Service Description

**Position Title:** Piscataway Park Maintenance



### About the Accokeek Foundation

The Accokeek Foundation is a non-profit park partner organization dedicated to stewarding the land and educating the next generation. By actively working to cultivate passion for the cultural heritage of Piscataway Park, the Accokeek Foundation serves more than 100,000 park visitors every year while providing multi-disciplinary educational programming, careful stewardship of the Indigenous cultural landscape, and public outreach.

### About National Capital Parks - East:

The administrative National Park Service unit of National Capital Parks – East (NACE) contains fourteen park units and parkways, including Piscataway Park. The overall unit consists of 98 locations and over 8,000 acres of recreation areas, historic homes, natural areas, farms, parkways, historic forts, archeological sites, and private properties. The sites provide important green and recreation space amongst dense urbanization and educate visitors through stories and the historical information related to the area.

### Position Summary:

Accokeek Foundation is seeking volunteers to help maintain the park and its facilities to ensure that Piscataway Park's grounds, shorelines, trails, and structures remain safe and accessible for all visitors. Volunteers serving as Piscataway Park Maintenance will assist staff with the day-to-day maintenance of the general grounds, structures, shorelines, and trails, as well as preparation for site events and projects.

Volunteer tasks may include:

- Grounds maintenance such as mowing, weed whacking, mulching, and cleanup
- Trail maintenance (clearing overgrown brush, removing fallen limbs and trash, reporting issues, helping with infrastructure projects (maintaining bridges, boardwalks, trail signs, and footpaths))
- Building upkeep such as cleaning, painting, organization, and general repairs
- Fence building and repairs
- Site prep for public and private events
- Other applicable duties as assigned

### Physical Requirements of Work:

- Ability to lift
- Ability to stand for moderate to long amounts of time in outdoor environments
- Ability to safely operate equipment

**Qualifications** (knowledge, skills, experience, ability):

All skill levels and experience accepted, as a variety of projects will be involved. No previous experience is necessary, but volunteers must be comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions. Some lifting may be required. Experience with machinery, lawn care, structure repair, small engine care, and organization is a plus. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

**Required training, certifications, or licenses:**

Must participate in position orientation and training provided by volunteer supervisor before start of service. Must have a valid driver's license and undergo training and supervision by staff members before use of machinery.

**Time Requirements:**

Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year and will be scheduled based on need/projects. Regular volunteers will develop a schedule with the shift supervisor for shiftwork, and one-time volunteers will attend a 'project day' or volunteer call for support.

**Location of Position:**

Piscataway Park

**Supervisory Controls:**

Volunteers will work under the guidance of Jeff Fredrick, Robby Adams, Warren Murphy.

**Personal Property and Reimbursements:**

All supplies will be provided, and no use of personal equipment is necessary. No reimbursements authorized.

**Benefits:**

Volunteers will also receive a 10% discount at the museum gift shop and Visitor Center. Volunteers will also be enrolled in the National Park Service – wide Volunteers – In – Park (VIP) program by signing volunteer service agreements. The VIP program protects those volunteering on National Park Service land in case of accident or injury through the Federal Employees' Compensation Act and the Federal Tort Claims Act. Additionally, for every 250 hours served, volunteers are eligible to receive the America the Beautiful interagency pass which covers entrance fees to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites, including national parks and wildlife refuges, for one year.