

DNR Discover Pass-eligible volunteer project hours

The criteria listed in this document provide guidance for volunteer projects only on lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

For general information about Discover Pass-eligible projects, visit www.discoverpass.wa.gov/faq/DiscoverPassEligibleVolunteerProjectHours.pdf

Eligible volunteer projects/hours on DNR-managed lands are:

- Pre-approved and assigned by DNR staff.
- Supervised by DNR staff who are overseeing the work party. (It is understood that staff may be circulating through various work sites and work parties throughout the day.)
- Tasks that **directly** support the maintenance of designated recreation trails, sites and facilities.
- Identified by DNR as a maintenance priority, usually (but not always) by inclusion in grant applications, capital plans or site specific management plans.
- Opportunities that are open to participation by the general public, not exclusive to particular clubs, groups, organizations or specific individuals.
- Not a requirement for participation in any other program, activity, or agreement.
- Clearly identifiable tasks which can be observed to be complete.

Eligible volunteer projects include:

- **Trail maintenance** tasks such as brushing, tread repair, drainage structure maintenance, rocking and sign installation and maintenance, etc.
- **Facility/Site maintenance** tasks such as maintenance and repair of shelters, tables, signs, ADA structures, corrals, and fencing, etc.

Non-Eligible Volunteer Projects include hours accrued due to participation in/as Campground Host, Forest Watch Patrols, “Adopt-A...” programs, Site Stewards, internships, court-ordered community service, volunteer training, advisory committees and/or user group meetings.

In general, non-eligible hours do not directly support maintenance efforts, **or** they may be exclusive to a particular group or individual, **or** are required as a condition of participation in another program, activity, or agreement. However, all volunteers are encouraged to work with DNR staff to develop and participate in Discover Pass-eligible volunteer opportunities.

DNR posts volunteer opportunities on its website and indicates which projects are eligible for a voucher toward a complimentary Discover Pass. Visit www.dnr.wa.gov/volunteer and follow the link to the “[Volunteer Calendar](#).”