

Volunteer Job Description: TRNWR Volunteer Trail Rover

Reports to: Wildlife Center Coordinator

Program Description:

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge began as a community endeavor, and to be successful in the future, we need the community to stay involved. Trail Rovers provide a link between the Refuge and the community by helping visitors understand and appreciate what they are experiencing. Rovers often share their love and knowledge of what can be discovered here. However, “wildlife comes first” and rovers help ensure that the visiting public understands the necessary rules of the Refuge. We want to fuel a conservation ethic in our visitors to protect and conserve the well-being of the natural environment, both at the Refuge and beyond.

Responsibilities:

- Walk the refuge trails and make contact with visitors to answer questions, ensure visitor safety, and provide general interpretation.
- Pick up litter, correct minor infractions, provide general trail maintenance, inform Wildlife Center Coordinator of any problems, concerns, questions, etc. encountered while roving.
- Fill out and turn in Rover Report forms at the end of each rove.

Qualifications:

- Willing to share enthusiasm about the Refuge with visitors
- Good oral communication skills
- Volunteer for a minimum of 4 hours per month.

Training:

Refuge staff will provide volunteers with a solid foundation for Trail Roving. During the 3-hour training, volunteers will:

- Learn about the history of the Refuge and its place in the National Wildlife Refuge System.
- Familiarize themselves with Roving resources including handouts, speaking points, maps, and on-site resources.
- Walk the year-round trail.
- Participation in additional non-formal trainings is encouraged but not required.