



2024 Volunteer Vacations Host Overview

American Hiking Society's Volunteer Vacations program is designed to send you a crew of eager volunteers, ready to assist with your trail needs. Volunteer Vacations are week-long trail building/maintaining projects organized by American Hiking Society & hosted by BLM, NPS, USDA-FS, USFWS, state parks, trail organizations and other nonprofit partner groups across the country. Most projects are one-week or shorter in length, consist of 6-15 crew members, and involve trail maintenance and building tasks on hiking trails on public lands.

American Hiking provides you the following project assistance:

- Promotion of your trip nationally through our website, printed trip schedule, industry events and through our sponsors and partners
- Logistical support and communication throughout the planning and trip process
- Volunteer food stipend for trips that cannot provide food
- Assistance from a volunteer crew leader (if requested) who will aid with menu planning, food shopping and lodging logistics

Volunteers provide the following:

- Volunteer labor and eager, enthusiastic attitudes
- Camping gear (backpack, sleeping bag, tent, personal items)
- Travel to and from a predetermined pick-up point, generally the closest major airport

Hosts provide the following:

- Project plan and backup plan
- Technical expertise and supervision for the volunteers
- Lodging for volunteers (cabin, lodge, house, improved or primitive campsite)
- Tools & safety equipment including first-aid supplies
- Group cooking supplies including stove, pots, pans, utensils, and fuel
- Transportation to the worksite if hiking is not an option
- Airport Pickup and Drop-off for volunteers (not required but highly recommended)

For more information on the Volunteer Vacations program or to request a Volunteer Vacations crew; please contact Ellie Place at (301) 565-6704, ext. 704 or

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