Celebrate National Volunteer Week at Indiana State Parks, April 12-18, 2015
Below is a list of volunteer opportunities available throughout the state.

Brown County State Park, Nashville
Volunteers are needed at any time. Volunteers can help prep for the recreation season by assessing trails, picking up litter and tidying landscaping around the pool and front gate. The Friends of Brown County group meets first Wednesday evening each month at 6:30 p.m. at the nature center for a pitch-in supper and business meeting. Consider joining to support the park. Call the park office for information on volunteer opportunities (812) 988-5240 or email jeagleman@dnr.IN.gov.

Brookville Reservoir, Brookville
Volunteers are needed at any time. People can help with litter cleanup on trails, ramps, parking lots and in the campground. For more information, call (765) 647-2657.

Clifty Falls Inn, Madison
Have a green thumb? People are needed all season to care for the inn’s flowers and gardens. To help, call (812) 265-4135.

Indiana Dunes State Park, Chesterton
Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center (U.S. 20/State Road 49): Volunteers are needed for the 19th annual Friends of Indiana Dunes Plant Sale. More than 50 volunteers assist in the group’s largest fundraiser of the year. Volunteers greet visitors, move plants, register sales, serve as planting consultants and more. Anyone interested in assisting with this event can email the Friends president at zrolson@frontier.com or call (219) 926-1390.

Lieber State Recreation Area, Cloverdale
April 18 at 10 a.m. — Free Fishing Day and Volunteer Day. Meet at the nature center to learn how to make fishing lures. Then learn how to become a volunteer. Contact us any time of year for volunteer opportunities at (765) 795-3552 or VAllbeitz@dnr.IN.gov.

Mounds State Park, Anderson
Sunday, April 12 at 1 p.m. – Park Clean-up Day. Willing hands of all ages and abilities are invited to care for Mounds State Park as we kick off National Volunteer Week. We’ll be doing everything from weeding to pulling invasive plants to picking up trash. Meet at the nature center for an orientation and stay as long as you’d like. For more information, contact jrosier1@dnr.IN.gov or call (765) 649-8128.

O’Bannon Woods State Park, Corydon
April 7-11: Volunteers needed to help prepare for the 12th annual Hellbender Hustle 5 K Run/Woodrat Walk on April 11. Volunteers will help set up, perform any necessary trail maintenance, package trees, clean up and landscape. Meet at Hickory Hollow Nature Center between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.
Volunteers also needed for the event/race day of April 11. Meet at the nature center at 7 a.m. for station assignments. The event ends at noon. For more information, call (812) 738-8234 or email jmanek@dnr.IN.gov. **Please call in advance to let us know you are coming to volunteer.** For additional volunteer work, we need hiking trails, the Ohio River bank and Blue River canoe access sites cleaned up.

**Ouabache State Park, Bluffton**
Saturday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. — Trail Maintenance Day. Volunteers are needed for trail maintenance. We will remove litter and debris from the trails, and if conditions are optimal, spread gravel in wet areas. Please meet at the Lodge Recreation Building. Friends of Ouabache will also be there assisting volunteers and giving out membership information. For more information call (260) 824-0926 or email jheaston@dnr.IN.gov.

**Patoka Reservoir, Birdseye**
Volunteers are needed at any time. Our biggest need is assistance with the upcoming triathlon. We will need course officials, water station workers, and volunteers for bike security. Most volunteers are course officials who help keep athletes on the right path and warn them of sharp turns or unexpected obstacles along the course. The 'Head for the Hills' Patoka Lake Triathlon is on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 8:30a.m. Volunteers need to contact us no later than noon on Friday Aug. 1. Call (812) 685-2447 or email dreckelhoff@dnr.IN.gov.

**Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN**
Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. — Woodland Window Clean-up. Come by the nature center at 2 p.m. as we give our bird feeding area a spruce-up. We will rake seed husks, re-scatter leaves, clean the window, clean feeders, and pull invasive garlic mustard creeping into window view. Wear old clothes. For more information call (260) 833-2012.

**Potato Creek State Park, North Liberty**
April 18, 10 a.m.-noon — Spring Cleaning . Volunteers are needed to clean up seed hulls, the pond, and spruce up the wildlife feeding area at the nature center. Work gloves are recommended. For more information call (574) 656-8186 or email tcordova@dnr.IN.gov.

**Salamonie Lake, Andrews**
Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m. — Spruce-Up Salamonie Day. Volunteers are needed to trim back and clean up trails, work on landscaping, and pick up trash in around the modern campground. Meet at 9 a.m. in Lost Bridge West Modern Campground at Salamonie Lake off of State Road 105. Please register in advance by calling (260) 468-2125 or emailing mreal@dnr.IN.gov.

**Shakamak State Park, Jasonville**
Volunteers are needed at any time. Volunteers can help prepare for the recreation season by doing trail assessments, litter pickup, and tidying landscape around the pool and front gate. Friends of Shakamak meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. Please consider joining to support the park. Call the park office for location and information on volunteer opportunities (812) 665-2158 or lellington@dnr.IN.gov.
Summit Lake State Park, New Castle
April 18 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Helping Hands.
Helping hands are needed at Summit Lake State Park. Volunteers will assist with trail clean-up, including painting trail signs and markers. For more information and to register, call (765) 766-5873 or email cnewcomb@dnr.IN.gov.

Tippecanoe River State Park, Winamac
Volunteers are needed at any time. People can help with litter cleanup on trails and the river, pruning on the horse trails, and campground clean-up.
For more information call (574) 946-3213.

Turkey Run State Park, Marshall
Saturday, April 18 — Trails Spring Cleaning.
Turkey Run will host a Trails Spring Cleaning Saturday that has a photo scavenger hunt component. For more information, call (765) 597-2654 or email btibbets@dnr.IN.gov.

Versailles State Park, Versailles
April 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Trash Pick-up Day.
Join the Friends of Versailles State Park at Oak Grove Shelter to clean the park. Volunteers will assist with picking trash up along the trails, campgrounds and Oak Grove Shelter. For more information, call (812) 689-6424 or email wwalker1@dnr.IN.gov.

Don’t see the state park close to you? Just call them and see how you can help!

Campground Hosts needed
Indiana’s state parks are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service. Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The volunteer period varies at sites, based on the number of applicants and on the amount and type of work required. Properties are looking for dedicated campers who enjoy working outdoors, with people and with DNR staff. A list of site availability and detailed information about hosting duties is at stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm or contact the property where you would like to serve as a host. Completion of a volunteer application is required to apply. Download a volunteer application form at stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm.

Join a Friends Group
Friends groups are another way to help the parks. Friends groups provide a unique support system for our properties. The people who belong to these groups meet new people, have opportunities to learn and grow and gain the satisfaction of helping support the site. For a complete list of friends groups, visit stateparks.IN.gov/2442.htm.

Support state parks by buying native plants during volunteer week or after:

Friends of Indiana Dunes Annual Native Plant Sale
Saturday, April 11, 2015, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
At the Porter County Visitors Center, 1215 N. State Road 49, Porter, IN 46304. This is about 1/2 mile north of Interstate 94, and it is just south of U.S. 20.
100+ native plant species available for purchase (and pre-order).
For more information, contact zrolson@frontier.com or (219) 926-1390

Friends of McCormick’s Creek State Park Annual Native Plant Sale
Saturday, April 11, 2015, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
At McCormick’s Creek State Park Nature Center.
Several native plant species available for purchase.
For more information, contact: sarthur@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 829-4344.

The Friends of Brown County State Park Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, April 25, 2015, 9 a.m. until sold out (approximately 1 p.m.)
At Brown County State Park Nature Center.
Selling an assortment of native and non-invasive garden plants. Donations welcome.
All proceeds will be used for future park projects.
For more information, contact friendsbcsp@gmail.com or (812) 988-5240.

Friends of Mounds State Park Native Plant Sale
Saturday, May 16, 2015, 10 a.m. -2 p.m.
In the DNR tent in front of Mounds State Park Visitors Center.
We will have more than 70 species of native plants, sorted by sun or shade requirements.
For more information, contact Loretta Heiniger, nanasgarden@comcast.net or (765) 215-1407.