

# VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

## NATURE CENTER

Park Naturalists rely heavily on volunteers to staff the Nature Center. The Center is operated 7 days a week: Monday - Friday from 11:00 - 3:00, & 9:00 - 5:00 on weekends & major holidays, during spring break and the week of Thanksgiving. (Closed the days of Thanksgiving and Christmas.) Volunteers sign up to work at least a 2-hour shift. 3 volunteers are needed for each shift on weekends and major holidays. For normal weekdays 1 or 2 volunteers are needed.



## HIKES AND PROGRAMS

Volunteers assist park naturalists by adding to the number of educational opportunities offered to park visitors. Volunteers conduct the Creekfield Nature Hike offered to the general public every Saturday and Sunday morning at 10:00. Help is also needed in conducting other hikes including those for weekday school groups.

Volunteers present programs on snakes, alligators and other native wildlife.



## **ROVING INTERPRETATION**

Hike or bike park trails and be of assistance to visitors who have questions about wildlife or are in need of direction. Inform them of park programs, etc. Be the “eyes and ears” of park staff.



## **NATURE DEMONSTRATIONS**

Assist in conducting demonstration booths on various subjects such as pond life, birds, mammals, alligators or even your specialty.



## **MAINTENANCE**

### **WATER STATION**

Service & maintain trail-side water stations on the Elm Lake and 40-Acre Trail System. Weekends & holidays, April—October







### **FIRE WOOD SUPPLY**

Fire Wood is a service provided exclusively by the park's volunteer organization. Help is needed in stacking, bundling and delivering wood to the campground kiosks for sale to campers.

### **MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT**

Donations and the sale of items in the Volunteer Gift Shop (located in the Nature Center) provide funding for maintenance equipment.



### **TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

Volunteers assist in trail maintenance, vegetation control, construction and general park and equipment maintenance.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Events, large and small, are conducted throughout the year. Volunteer help is needed in order for these events to take place. These events are funded mostly by the Volunteer Organization budget.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“Taking the show on the road”. Volunteer members travel to various local community events.

