

PARK WATCH AMBASSADOR FORM

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(W) _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Special hobbies or interests...

Best time to reach me:

Daytime (Time _____)

Evenings after _____ PM

Other _____

Best day and time for me to volunteer:

*Being a volunteer does not require you to be a dues paying member.

Send form to:
York County Parks
400 Mundis Race Road
York PA 17406
Attn: Ranger Ambassador Program

2008 ambassador bro/mp/mf/2-07

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Various volunteer opportunities exist within the parks including front counter help at the nature center, trail maintenance, special events, painting, clerical, volunteer naturalist, adopt-a-trail, adopt-a-nest, educational programs, flower beds, eagle scout projects and many more. For more information call the York County Parks at (717) 840-7440.

Directions to the York County Parks

John Rudy County Park: From Rt. 30 follow N. Sherman Street north 2.2 miles to traffic light, continuing on N. Sherman Street, go .1 mile to next traffic light, turn left on Rt. 24. Turn left on Mundis Race Road. Park is .5 mile on right.

Rocky Ridge County Park: From Rt. 30, take Mt. Zion Road (Route 24) north for 1 mile. Turn right onto Deininger Road and follow into park.

William H. Kain County Park: From I-83 take exit 14, travel west on Leaders Height Road to S. George St.; Turn left onto S. George St. For the Lake Redman boat launch; turn left onto Church Street; travel 1/2 mile to park entrance on left.

Spring Valley County Park: From I-83 take exit 10, travel east on Route 216 for .1 mile; turn right onto Potosi Road and travel 2.1 miles to Park.

Richard M. Nixon County Park: From I-83 take exit 14, travel west on Leaders Height Road to second light; left onto S. George St.; turn right onto Valley Road; Follow road .8 mile; turn right onto Nixon Drive.

Heritage Rail Trail County Park: Hanover Junction, From Rt. 30 west take Rt. 616 to parking area on left.

Apollo County Park: From Red Lion. Take Rt. 74 south to Burkholder Road; turn left. Follow Burkholder Rd to Boyd Rd; turn left; to parking lot.

P. Joseph Raab County Park: Rt 30 west to left on Rt. 616. Follow for 5 1/2 miles to Right on Green Valley Road. Follow for 2 miles to right on Hoff Road. Parking lot is 1/2 mile on the left.

Park Watch Ambassador



YORK COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF PARKS AND RECREATION

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS:
(Adjacent to John Rudy County Park)

400 MUNDIS RACE ROAD
YORK, PA 17406-9721
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www.yorkcountyparks.org

York County Department of Parks and Recreation 's Ranger Unit has developed a *volunteer Park Watch Ambassador* program to assist visitors and help promote the park system. The mission statement for a Park Watch Ambassador is:

To provide a presence on park grounds in a non-enforcement capacity. Ambassadors will provide information/trail ethics for trail users, advise of violations or public safety concerns, and take an active role in protecting/preserving the parks.

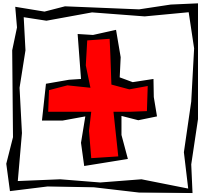
In 2002, our first year, we started with 4 volunteer park ambassadors, now in 2008 over thirty volunteers work as Park Ambassadors!

Ambassadors Responsibilities

- Wear proper identification for the park watch is required.
- Promote, educate, and assist park visitors with proper trail etiquette and park rules.
- Accurately complete the appropriate log sheets and mail, e-mail, phone, fax or drop off to the park ranger unit.
- Must be able to interact effectively and courteously with trail users.
- Ambassadors are encouraged to wear helmets if riding bikes or horses and to promote the use of helmets.
- Attend annual parks information training and be familiar with the parks. *If an individual signs on after the yearly educational program has been completed, then 10 hours of patrol with a authorized ambassador can substitute for the required program.*
- Report all violators of Park Rules & Regulations directly and immediately to any park ranger

Qualifications

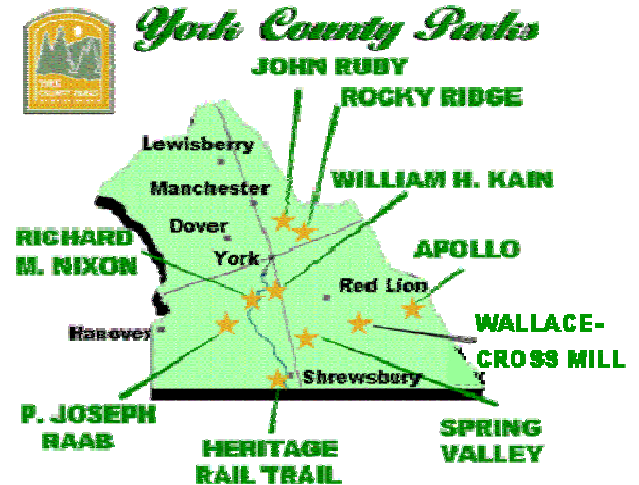
1. Standard First Aid. Valid Cards must be available for review by Chief Ranger on a yearly basis.
2. Help maintain safe trails by being alert and reporting hazards, obstacles and remedies for repairs.
3. Be prepared to assist park visitors.



4. Must know personal limitations on qualifications and ability to provide services.
5. Know your surroundings, weather conditions & physical limitations.
6. Must be familiar with plant and animal life.
7. Must volunteer approx. 5 hours per month from April through October. A park watch could be taking a bike ride, a horseback ride or a hike and talking to park visitors.
8. Wearing proper identification for a park watch is required.
9. Must be 18 years of age or older.
10. Attend seasonal twilight meetings

Equipment Provided to Park Watch Ambassador

- a. Brochures for all parks
- b. One county map
- c. Park info update packets as needed
- d. Small first aid kit
- e. ID badge
- f. Fanny pack to hold park watch kit.



"In accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act, those individuals needing accommodations for access within the York County Parks, please call the County of York at (717) 771-4773."