

Volunteer Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(W) _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Student - Under 16 (Adult Accompanied)
Student 16 to 21 years

Adult Group

Please circle park(s) where you are interested in volunteering.

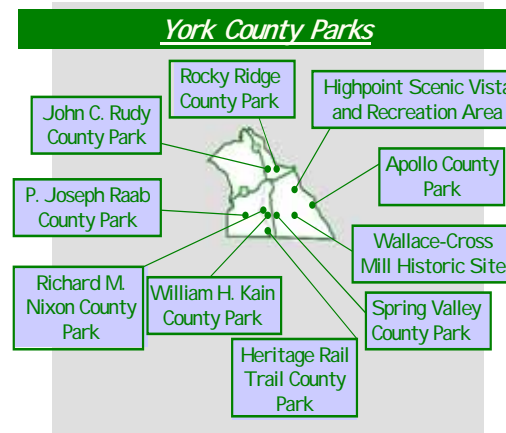
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| Rocky Ridge | Highpoint Scenic Vista Area |
| Spring Valley | Richard Nixon |
| Apollo | Heritage Rail Trail |
| John Rudy | William H. Kain |
| P. Joseph Raab | Wallace-Cross Mill |
| Friends of Heritage Rail Trail (see back) | |
| Friends of Wallace Cross Mill (see back) | |
| Friends of Canine Meadows (see back) | |

Please circle areas where you are interested in volunteering.

- Clerical - Painting - Flower bed - Trail Maintenance - Special Events - General Maintenance - Park Ambassador - Front Counter - Educational Programs - Library - Christmas Magic - Station Greeter

York County Department of Parks and Recreation was established in 1968 when County Commissioner P. Joseph Raab recognized the need for the preservation of open space and recreational areas for York County residents to enjoy. The first Board, composed of prominent community leaders, met in April of that year and laid the foundation for what has grown into a Parks system comprised of over 4,300 acres in 10 parks.

**Make a difference in your community:
Become a York County Parks Volunteer**



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Benefits of becoming a York County Parks volunteer...

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, there are four major benefits of creating an association with Parks:

Individual Benefits -

- Improves academic performance
- Better health in later years
- Immediate stress reduction
- Increased self esteem and confidence



Community Benefits -

- Connects families
- Builds stronger communities

Economic Benefits -

- Increases property values
- Reduces health care and insurance costs
- Reduces employee absenteeism
- Increases productivity
- Boosts tourism

Environmental Benefits -

- Preserves natural habitat
- Controls air, water and soil quality
- Provides accessible place to enjoy nature

MISSION STATEMENT:

York County Department of Parks & Recreation enhances the quality of community life acting as a steward for the environment. In this capacity, it acquires, conserves and manages park lands and offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities

York County Parks Volunteer Information

Park Volunteers	
	Friends Canine Meadows
Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill	
Friends of Heritage Rail Trail	

YORK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS:
(Adjacent to John Rudy County Park)
400 MUNDIS RACE ROAD
YORK, PA 17406-9721
PHONE: (717) 840-7440
FAX: (717) 840-7403

Email: parks@york-county.org

www.yorkcountyparks.org

**Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill or
Friends of Heritage Rail Trail
Corridor Volunteer Checklist**
Please check areas where you
are interested in volunteering.

- Mill Operator (CM only)
- Oral Interpretation (Docent)
- Displays (New and Maintain)
- Archivist
- Executive Committee
- Gardening and Landscaping
- Maintenance (Building & Grounds)
- Special Events
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Special Interest or Hobby
- Other _____
- I have artifacts to lend or donate to the County of York for a display.
- I have history or information related to the mill.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
www.yorkcountyparks.org

Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill Created 1999
Mission Statement <i>Acquire, preserve and protect Wallace-Cross Mill, through partnerships, artifact collection, history, structural maintenance and exhibition activities for interpretational and agricultural significance by providing educational awareness opportunities to all.</i>

Wallace-Cross Mill is an operating 1826 restored gristmill. The Mill lets you experience firsthand one of rural America's most important remaining industries.

Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail Corridor Created 2001
Mission Statement <i>Provides assistance to the York County Department of Parks and Recreation as an organization dedicated to the historic preservation and interpretation of the Heritage Rail Trail County Park.</i>

Hanover Junction Train Station offers an inside look at our Civil War history. The first floor has been restored to its 1863 appearance, when President Lincoln passed through on his way to Gettysburg. The museum depicts this and other events that took place at the station.

New Freedom Train Station is a depot that has been restored to its 1940 appearance with a museum depicting railroad and local community history.

Friends of Canine Meadows Created 2007
Mission Statement <i>Provides assistance to the York County Parks as an organization dedicated to Canine Meadows Off Leash Dog Area.</i>

Created in 2007, when Canine Meadows Off-Leash Dog Area opened in John Rudy County Park. Those interested in joining this "dog friendly" group should call the Administrative Headquarters.



Park Watch Ambassadors Created 2002
Mission Statement <i>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.</i>

York County Parks Ranger Unit has developed a volunteer **Park Watch Ambassador** program to assist visitors and help promote the park system.



Scouts (Boys & Girls)

You can find a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts throughout the park system. Projects range from the highest in Scouting, Eagle Scout or Golden Award to groups of Cub Scouts or Brownies. Whether you need to earn a badge or just teach your scouting group about volunteering, contact the Administrative Headquarters for more information. To view a current list of service projects go to www.yorkcountyparks.org (volunteer opportunities).



Community Groups

York County Parks offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities for community groups such as clubs, business school groups... Contact the Administrative Headquarters if you need more information.

Internships/Practicum's

York County Parks offers a wide range of recreation based internships and practicum's. The positions can be paid or unpaid. Contact the Administrative Headquarters if you need more information.