



# Volunteer with the PWA

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## Trail Work

Build kiosks, create and maintain trails, and generally keep PWA preserves in good shape for visitors.

## Event Planning

Help plan and carry out fundraising events such as raffles, the annual fall birdseed sale, Party on the Pier silent auction, and Rubber Ducky Race on the

4th of July. Bring new ideas to the table for upcoming fundraisers and events.

## Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center

Volunteers are needed to help run the nature center at Pemaquid Beach. The Center is open daily (weather permitting) from the first week in July through August. Volunteers generally work 2-4 hours per day, one or two days a week.

## Gardening/Wildlife Habitat Education

Volunteers with an interest in gardening are needed to maintain our Butterfly Garden at Pemaquid Beach and to help with the Maine Apprentice Gardeners program with local school children.

## Environmental Education

Volunteers are needed to lead interpretive hikes through PWA preserves, to help with school-based programs, and to assist with summer camp. If you enjoy teaching about nature, let us know.

## Sell Tickets

We sell event and raffle tickets at least four times a year. This is one of the easiest ways to volunteer for the PWA – take a few home and sell them to all your friends or sit outside the book shop in Damariscotta and sell them to passersby.

## Festivals and Fairs

Staff tables at festivals such as Olde Bristol Days and the Oyster Festival. Provide information about our mission, programs and volunteer opportunities, and sell PWA merchandise.

## Trip Leaders

Want to share your enthusiasm for hiking, paddling, birding, or nature in general? Volunteer to lead a group expedition!

## Water Quality

Each summer, PWA volunteers collect water samples at Pemaquid Beach, Biscay Beach and the Bristol Mills swimming hole. PWA also leads volunteers in conducting field surveys to identify non-point source pollution (aka polluted runoff) in the watershed.

## Courtesy Boat Inspections

Help prevent invasive plants from entering our watershed by teaching boaters how to inspect their boats for “cling on” plants! We conduct voluntary inspections at the Pemaquid Pond Boat Launch in Nobleboro and the Biscay Pond Beach/Boat Launch on Saturdays and Sundays from July to August in 2-hr shifts.

## Office Assistance

From the mundane to the technical, office work provides a seemingly endless wealth of volunteer opportunity. Take the recycling to the dump, vacuum once a week or come address, stamp and seal when we have mailings to send out. Put your latent librarian talents to work filing or organizing our storeroom, or put your computer tech savvy to use doing membership data entry.

## Newsletter and Publicity

Do you have a knack for writing or desktop publishing? We always are looking for someone to write articles for the PWA newsletter and to send to the local newspapers. If you're a photographer, we have a lot of special places and events that need to be photographed.

## Volunteer Coordinator

We need a motivated and organized person who is good at working with people to lead our volunteer recruitment, training, and coordination.

- Spread the word about PWA volunteer opportunities.
- Develop promotional materials and events to attract new volunteers, such as conducting outreach to local schools and community organizations to recruit prospective volunteers.
- Coordinate “volunteer orientation sessions” to familiarize everyone with PWA’s mission and create the base of understanding for them to be effective volunteers.
- Assist with updating PWA’s membership database to keep track of volunteer interests.
- Schedule and manage volunteers (for Courtesy Boat Inspections, selling raffle tickets, staffing booths at fairs and festivals, etc.).

*Pemaquid Watershed Association succeeds because of the volunteers who get involved. Whether you have one hour or 20 hours a month to volunteer, we can use your help. Please contact us to see how we can put your talents and passions to good use for the betterment of the community and natural resources of the Pemaquid River watershed.*