



Volunteer with PWA

Pemaquid Watershed Association succeeds because of the volunteers who get involved.

Whether you have 1 hour or 20 hours a month to volunteer, we can use your help.

We can help you match your talents and interests with our volunteer opportunities so you find a fit that feels good. Contact Carolyn Shubert, PWA Program Coordinator, for more information.

Trail Crew

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

Outing Leader

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

Event Planner

Help plan and carry out fundraising events such as Party on the Pier silent auction, and Rubber Ducky River Race. Bring new ideas to the table for upcoming fundraisers and events.

Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center Educator

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

Gardening/Wildlife Habitat Educator

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 Educator

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.

Ticket Seller

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.

Litter Prevention and Recycling

Join in the educational and clean up events related to litter prevention and recycling through the Keep Pemaquid Peninsula Beautiful initiative.

Festivals and Fairs Table Staffers

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

Water Quality Monitor

Each summer, PWA volunteers collect water samples at Pemaquid Beach, Biscay Beach and the Bristol Mills swimming hole.

LakeSmart Evaluator

The LakeSmart program helps pondside property owners learn about taking care of their property in ways that protect water quality. We need volunteers who would like to visit properties and do an initial evaluation of the property based on LakeSmart criteria. Free training is provided.

Courtesy Boat Inspector

Help prevent invasive plants from entering the ponds by teaching boaters how to inspect their boats for hitchhiking plants. We conduct voluntary inspections at the Pemaquid Pond Boat Launch in Nobleboro and the Biscay Beach Boat Launch on weekends in July and August in 2-hr shifts.

Office Assistant

From the mundane to the technical, office work provides a seemingly endless wealth of volunteer opportunity. Vacuum once a week or come help prepare mass mailings. Put your computer tech savvy to use doing membership data entry.

Newsletter and Publicity Writer

Do you have a knack for writing? We need volunteers to write articles for the PWA newsletter and press releases for the local newspapers.

Photographer

If you're a photographer, we have a lot of special places and events that need to be photographed.

Graphic Designer

We need help making posters, brochures, and all kinds of other publicity pieces.

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Specialized Volunteer Opportunities at Pemaquid Watershed Association:

- É Videographer: We'd love someone to make a video for each of our nature preserves and then post them on our web site so people can remotely enjoy the preserves. If you are interested in doing this filming but have not experience, there is free training is available at the local public access TV station (LCTV.org).
- É -Contribute to Placeøbusiness engagement development, marketing and implementation: Business partners invite their customers to give a small donation that goes directly to support local land conservation and stewardship. These voluntary gifts will help PWA acquire and manage natural preserves that protect the scenic beauty of Maine and provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.
- É Scribe/interviewer: Someone to interview our older and wiser members to record their stories of the watershed. These will be used in the newsletters as living history.
- É Wednesday Walkers hike leader, 2 per season on a PWA Preserve.
- É Truck use and person with strong back for occasional office and general PWA needs.
- É Solicit auction items and/or create a team to solicit for annual Party on the Pier, held in June. Begin solicitations in April. Work directly with Program Coordinator for Party on the Pier.
- É Regular PWA office cleaning, weekly or bi-weekly. PWA has cleaning supplies.
- É Decorating office for holidays with planning and organization of a holiday party in December.
- É Logo celebration event: Specialized one-time event honoring Mary Beth Owen of Walpole who created the PWA logo and incorporating new Lovell jewelry of PWA logo.
- É Newsletter (spring, summer, autumn) and Publicity writing.
- É Person to develop and coordinate an Invasive Aquatic Plant (IAP) Patrol for each pond in the watershed: Biscay, Boyd, Duckpuddle, Pemaquid, Paradise (Muddy), McCurdy.
- É Assistant to Program Coordinator.
- É Accreditation Coordinator ó Land Trust Alliance Accreditation. At some point in the near future, it is likely that PWA will begin a process to formally apply for accreditation. This process will involve policy review and development, collating existing materials, and making sure that all necessary documents are organized in the way required by the Accreditation Commission. Someone is needed to work with PWA staff to coordinate all aspects of this process. This volunteer role will be an intense project and require a long-term (at least one year, maybe 2) commitment. The volunteer will need to be a natural at organizing and attending to detail. Do you have an innate fondness for checking off checklists and bringing things into order? Do you love having a discrete goal that, once achieved, you know has made an important contribution? This could be the project for you.