



Tennessee State Parks COVID-19 Volunteer Guidance

Volunteers are critical to carrying out the mission at Tennessee State Parks and we are grateful to those who contribute to protecting and preserving our special places, especially during this uncertain time. We want to continue to host outdoor volunteer opportunities and we have put the following guidelines in place to ensure the health and safety of all involved.

- Volunteer group size will be no larger than 25 people for outside events. Some parks will institute lower participation levels and you should refer to the event description or check with the respective site.
- If you don't feel well or have not been feeling well prior to the volunteer event or have recently (last 14 days) been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we ask that you not participate.
- You will be required to wear a mask at the volunteer event that covers your mouth and nose unless you can maintain six feet between yourself and other volunteers. If you do not have a mask the day of the event, a park can give you a paper one, if available. If you have any issues or concerns related to wearing a mask at the event, please discuss those with park staff to see if you can safely participate in the day.
- All volunteers will be asked to social distance the day of the event. If volunteers are from the same household, you will be able to be closer than six feet.
- Your temperature will be taken before participating in a volunteer activity. No one with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will be able to participate.
- All tools and equipment provided by the park will be sanitized both before and after the volunteer event. We ask the same of volunteers using their own equipment.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all volunteers the day of the event. Bringing your own is also encouraged.
- Parks can provide bottled water and prepackaged food or snacks the day of the volunteer event. It is preferable that volunteers bring their own food and drink.
- Please volunteer with your local park and do not drive long distances to participate in a workday.
- Volunteers entering state-owned facilities must wear a mask. These could include but are not limited to offices, bathrooms, visitor centers, and other indoor public spaces.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us adhere to these guidelines so that we can continue to invite the public out to serve while mitigating the risks related to COVID-19. Since this situation remains fluid, our information will be updated accordingly.

Additional information about COVID-19 as it relates to visiting a state park can be found [here](#). If you are looking for more guidance on the coronavirus, visit the [Centers for Disease Control](#) website or the [Tennessee Department of Health](#) website.