

# Volunteering with the Greater Worcester Land Trust

The Greater Worcester Land Trust relies on the dedication and support of its members and volunteers to manage and protect its more than 2,500 acres of land in and around Worcester. Welcome aboard and thank you for your support in our mission to preserve greenspace in the Greater Worcester area for everyone! For more information on any of our programs or to join our volunteer mailing list; fill out the form below, contact us at (508) 795-3838, email gwlt@gwlt.org or visit us online at gwlt.org.

#### **GWLT** Membership

Support GWLT by becoming a member. 100% of your membership dues are used to support the goals of the Trust. Annual membership for individuals starts at \$25/year and is tax deductible. See the GWLT brochure or pay for your membership online at www.gwlt.org for other membership levels.

### Trails & Signage

Throughout the year, we schedule trail clearing, blazing, and maintenance activities to keep our conservation areas available and easily accessible to the public. We supply the tools but need volunteers who can spend a couple of hours helping us trim vegetation, clear fallen trees and limbs, paint trail blazes, and whatever is required to keep the trails passable. We also have ongoing property signage projects that include layout, timber hewing, routing, and installation.

#### Trail Stewards

If you frequently use trails on the Trust's lands, consider becoming a Trail Steward. Trail Stewards adopt a trail or segment of a trail for light maintenance (brush and tree trimming, keeping the trail free of litter). They also notify GWLT of downed trees or limbs or other factors that impact access or enjoyment of the trail.

### **Conservation Rangers**

Committed land advocates can serve as Conservation Rangers. Rangers monitor, protect and manage our open spaces by conducting monthly evaluations of current conditions such as wildlife and habitats, uses and abuses, and document their observations. GWLT provides training, materials, and ongoing education.

## Internships

Intern opportunities may be available to interested students who want to learn more about land conservation and environmental advocacy on a local and city level. Responsibilities can often be tailored to the intern's interests and might include research and mapping projects, field data collection, event planning and outreach, or more.

#### Field Camp

GWLT periodically establishes a zero-impact seasonal encampment on one of our conservation lands to maintain ongoing direct contact with the property. This opportunity may be available to select individuals able to make a longer term volunteer commitment to further the protection, study, and stewardship of Worcester area open spaces.

#### Earth Day

Each April, we participate in Earth Day cleanups on our conservation lands. Celebrate Earth Day by joining us at one of these locations. Locations will be announced on this email list, so stay tuned!

# National Trails Day

This annual event occurs on the first Saturday in June and encourages people to discover, learn about, and enjoy America's Trails. Trails provide access to our natural world, and to outdoor recreation and education. We celebrate with local events and need volunteers to lead hikes, welcome participants to our activities, serve food and prepare the trails. Contact GWLT to learn how you can be a part of this yearly salute to our local trail systems.

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