



NIAGARA PENINSULA  
**CONSERVATION**  
AUTHORITY

## **2022 Volunteer Opportunities**





# VOLUNTEER

## WHY

- Learn a new skill
- Support local conservation projects
- Get outdoors and enjoy some physical activity
- Connect with nature
- Share your knowledge and skills with others
- Earn community service hours
- Team building
- Gain job experience and training

## WHO

- Individuals
- Families
- Co-op students/interns
- Community groups
- School groups
- Corporate groups



# BALL'S FALLS CONSERVATION AREA

## **Heritage Tours/Demonstrations**

Demonstrate heritage skills and knowledge to guests and/or help run guided tours in the heritage village. Heritage tours and demonstrations are a part of the educational programs on weekdays at Ball's Falls, and on weekends during events and special programs.

## **Nature School, Educational Programs and Outdoor Adventure Camp**

If you are enthusiastic and outgoing, we would love to have you help with hikes, guided tours, activities, and nature crafts at the new Ball's Falls Nature School or at one of our Adventure Camps. Educational programs run during the week, typically 9am-3pm.

Adult\* (18 years +) and Junior Leaders (12-17 years)

**Nature School:** Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays 9am-3pm  
Leaders in Training Program 12yrs-15yrs available for new volunteers, typically early July

\*Vulnerable Sector Police Check required.

## **Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival**

Assist with heritage tours and demonstrations, volunteer hospitality, community displays or help out as a greeter or a member of our recycling team at the annual Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival. Festival runs Fri-Mon of Thanksgiving weekend, 10am-5pm.

## **Bluebird Box Monitoring**

Assist in recording data of this bird species using the nesting boxes, and preventing the use of the boxes by non-native species such as house sparrows and starlings.

## **Gardening/Site Maintenance**

Assist with keeping the gardens at Ball's Falls Conservation Area looking beautiful.



# BINBROOK CONSERVATION AREA

## **Site Maintenance**

Assist with site maintenance, trail maintenance, litter clean-up, and general duties around the park.

## **Glanbrook Conservation Committee**

Become a member of the Glanbrook Conservation Committee and assist with exciting projects at Binbrook Conservation Area, including bird box monitoring, trail maintenance, special events, tree planting and monitoring.





# COMMUNITY SCIENCE

## **Marsh Monitoring Surveys (March-July)**

Survey the frogs and toads or marsh birds at several of the Conservation Areas and surrounding areas. Three site visits required. Volunteers learn and record the calls of these animals at set locations.

## **Niagara Turtle Watch**

Help monitor selected turtle road crossings. Check and record turtle road use, species, and status. Assist turtles crossing where it is safe to do so. Requires daily checks during the active season.

## **Yellow Fish Road™ Program**

Help raise awareness about storm drain pollution by painting the town yellow! Participants paint yellow fish next to storm drains to remind the community that most storm drains are connected to a local water body and do not flow directly to a water treatment facility. This activity can be done independently or in a group. This is a great activity to do as a class, a family unit, or community group.

## **VAST Shoreline Surveys**

The Visual Assessment Survey Tool (VAST) engages the coastal community in collecting data to fill knowledge gaps for the Lake Erie shoreline of the Niagara Peninsula. The VAST project blends science, story-telling, and technology to create a near real-time coastal monitoring network. This initiative is a partnership between NPCA, Niagara College and is led by Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative.

[www.niagaracoastal.ca/vast](http://www.niagaracoastal.ca/vast)

### **NPCA Trail Ambassador program**

This is a great program for families, or a group of two or more individuals. Hike the trails at NPCA Conservation Areas and help us to learn where there are hazards, vandalism, cool wildlife sightings, and opportunities to improve our trails.

### **Adopt-a-Patch**

Tackle an invasive plant patch at a Conservation Area of your choice. Visit the site weekly or bi-weekly to pull out the invasives, bag them up and dispose of them properly to prevent future spread. Take a photo before and after your control efforts to keep track of our success! It can be done individually, as a family or in a small group.

### **Adopt-a-Garden**

Work in a small team to maintain pollinator gardens at various locations in the Niagara Peninsula watershed. Select the garden closest to you and visit throughout the spring and summer to keep weeds out. Report back on your progress and insects/critters visiting the garden.

### **Community Stewardship**

Help the NPCA and our community partners plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers or participate in community stewardship work-days with community groups and other volunteers. Dates will vary depending on events happening.



**OTHER  
OPPORTUNITIES**



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