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PEOPLE – PURPOSE



2023 OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS & SKILLS TRAININGS

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to motivating and enabling people to become active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. voc.org



THE POWER OF PEOPLE

When you arrive at your first VOC volunteer project, it can seem like a certain type of magic is at play. A trailhead has transformed into a basecamp. A large tent has sprung from the ground and the smell of hot coffee wafts through the air. Dozens of people – some strangers, some friends – appear from across the state. By the time you leave, the area has transformed yet again. The tents and tools are gone, but what remains endures, from a more sustainable trail to a healthier ecosystem.

But, of course, it's not magic. Weeks before you checked in at the registration table, a volunteer was there – measuring and marking the trail, imagining what it could be. Days before you slipped on your work gloves, a volunteer was filling their grocery cart, calculating the best way to feed fifty people. Hours before you picked up your first tool, another volunteer was loading it onto a truck and driving in the dark to make sure it arrived before you did. And long after you leave, volunteers are still at work – unloading tools, editing photos, and counting the number of leftover eggs.

By the time you attend your next project, you know it's not magic. It's just the incredible power of people – some you can see, some behind the scenes – all working together to create a memorable experience, an efficient project, and a positive impact on the places we love.

And perhaps that is its own type of magic. On the next page, you'll find nearly 60 opportunities to make a little Colorado magic this year. Whether you play your part in the kitchen, at the tool cache, or on the trail, we hope you can join us.

To learn more about the many ways you can make magic happen with VOC, contact Abby at abby@voc.org or 303-715-1010 ext. 111.



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for making our work possible and for helping us engage thousands of volunteers.

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DISCOVER NEW PLACES. LEARN NEW SKILLS. MEET NEW FRIENDS.

VOLUNTEER WITH VOC!

At Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC), we provide fun and meaningful volunteer experiences for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to help care for Colorado's incredible outdoor places.

Below you'll find 57 opportunities to do just that, from half-day planting projects in the city to overnight camping projects in the mountains. But your options don't stop there. There are numerous ways to volunteer on each project, from getting your hands in the dirt to cooking dinner for volunteer crews, loading and transporting tools, and teaching others on-the-ground skills.

No matter your interests or skillset, we're confident that there is a place for you with VOC. Scan the QR code or visit volunteer.voc.org to learn more and sign up for your favorite projects. Want help finding the right fit for you? Contact abby@voc.org or 303-715-1010 ext. 111.



- Free to volunteer**
All you need is a good attitude and closed-toe shoes.
- No training needed**
We'll teach you everything you need to know.
- No long-term commitment**
Sign up for as few or as many projects as you like.



REGISTER FOR A PROJECT TODAY: [VOLUNTEER.VOC.ORG](https://volunteer.voc.org)

SKIP THE WAITLIST! VOC MEMBERS REGISTER EARLY

Invest \$50 or more in the future of Colorado's outdoors to become a VOC Member and receive perks like priority registration for volunteer projects and discounts on outdoor gear.
Learn more at voc.org/membership



VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR
COLORADO

2023 PROJECT CALENDAR

More projects coming soon! Stay tuned to our website for updates.

LEGEND: EASY MODERATE DIFFICULT TRAINING

APRIL

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* Earth Day
† Arbor Day

Date	Project Name	Nearest Town	Min. Age	Difficulty
APR 15	Trail Construction @ Parkfield Lake Park #1	Denver	10	
APR 15	Adult CPR & First Aid Training	Del Norte	15	
APR 15-16	Crew Leader Training @ Golden Gate Canyon State Park	Black Hawk	16	
APR 22-23	Accessible Trail Construction with No Barriers USA	Fort Collins	14	
APR 28-30	Chainsaw Training & Certification Workshop	Saguache	18	
APR 29	Social Trail Closure @ Garden of the Gods	Colorado Springs	16	

MAY

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* Colorado Public Lands Day

MAY 6	Beaver Brook Trail Restoration	Golden	16	
MAY 6-7	Crew Leadership for Trails @ Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab	Evergreen	16	
MAY 12-14	Crosscut Training & Certification Workshop	Del Norte	18	
MAY 13	Solar Garden Planting w/ Audubon of the Rockies	Johnstown	8	
MAY 13-14	Ramsour Loop Trail Construction <i>A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project</i>	Buena Vista	16	
MAY 20	Bear Canyon Trail Construction @ Roxborough State Park	Littleton	14	
MAY 20	Intro to Trail Design Training @ Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab	Evergreen	16	
MAY 23	Community Food Gardening @ Observatory Park	Denver	8	
MAY 25	Community Food Gardening @ Community Ministry	Denver	8	
MAY 30	Community Food Gardening @ Harvard Gulch Park	Denver	8	

JUNE 1: SUMMER & FALL PROJECTS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

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* National Trails Day
† National Get Outdoors Day

JUN 3-4	Trail Construction @ Ridgway State Park	Ridgway	14	
JUN 3-4	Trail Maintenance @ Sangre de Cristo Mountains	Crestone	16	
JUN 10	Pride Month Project: Trail Restoration @ Austin Bluffs Open Space	Colorado Springs	16	
JUN 10	Farm Season Kick-off @ Growing Gardens	Boulder	6	
JUN 17	Trail Maintenance @ Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab	Evergreen	16	
JUN 17-18	Family Camping: Trail Restoration @ Pueblo Mountain Park	Beulah	6	
JUN 23	Step Skills Training	Powderhorn	16	
JUN 24-25	Powderhorn Lakes Trail Improvements	Powderhorn	16	
JUN 24-25	Trail Construction @ Greenie Mountain	Monte Vista	16	

JULY

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JUL 8	Raccoon Trail Reroute @ Golden Gate Canyon State Park	Black Hawk	16	
JUL 8-9	Devil's Head Trail Restoration	Sedalia	16	
JUL 15-16	14er: Trail Construction @ Mount Shavano	Salida	18	
JUL 15-16	Women Only: Habitat Restoration @ Windy Point	Saguache	16	
JUL 22	Mid-season Tool Maintenance	Lakewood	14	
JUL 22	Half-Day: Habitat Restoration @ James Peak	Nederland	8	
JUL 22-23	Homestead Loop Trail Construction @ Mueller State Park	Divide	14	
JUL 24-28	Backcountry: Boulder Lake Trail Maintenance	Meeker	18	
JUL 29-30	Habitat Restoration @ Moon Pass	La Garita	14	

AUGUST

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AUG 5-6	Forest Health @ Berrian Mountain Park #2	Evergreen	18	
AUG 11	Habitat Restoration @ Mt. Evans Wilderness	Evergreen	12	
AUG 12-13	Los Pinos Trail Restoration	Antonito	16	
AUG 12-13	Rollins Pass Trailhead Restoration	Winter Park	16	
AUG 18	Kayak Trip & Habitat Restoration @ South Platte River	Brighton	18	
AUG 19-20	14er: Trail Restoration @ Grays & Torreys	Idaho Springs	18	
AUG 24-27	American Lakes Trail Restoration @ State Forest State Park	Walden	16	
AUG 26-27	Beaver Dam Analog Construction @ Rio Grande National Forest	Antonito	16	
AUG 30	North Sky Trail Construction #1 <i>A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project</i>	Boulder	16	

SEPTEMBER

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SEPT 6	North Sky Trail Construction	Boulder	16	
SEPT 9-10	14er: Trail Restoration @ Uncompahgre Peak	Lake City	18	
SEPT 9-10	North Rock Creek Trail Restoration	Monte Vista	16	
SEPT 16	Panorama Point Trail Restoration @ Corwina Park	Morrison	16	
SEPT 16	Weld County Volunteer Day	TBD	TBD	TBD
SEPT 16-17	Family Camping: Trail Construction @ Cal-wood Education Center	Jamestown	6	
SEPT 20	North Sky Trail Construction #3	Boulder	16	
SEPT 23-24	Gunnison Sage Grouse Habitat Restoration	Villa Grove	16	
SEPT 23-24	Perimeter Trail Restoration	Ouray	16	
SEPT 30	Shrub Planting @ High Plains Environmental Center	Loveland	16	
SEPT 30-OCT 1	Habitat Restoration @ Blanca Wetlands Area	Alamosa	18	

OCTOBER

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OCT 7	Habitat Restoration @ Grouse Creek	Minturn	16	
OCT 7-8	Jumbo Mountain Trail Construction <i>A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project</i>	Paonia	16	
OCT 14	South Sandpiper Trail Restoration @ St. Vrain State Park	Firestone	16	
OCT 15	San Luis Valley OcTOOLberfest	Monte Vista	14	
OCT 18	North Sky Trail Construction #4	Boulder	16	
OCT 21	Trail Construction @ Parkfield Lake Park #2	Denver	10	
OCT 28	OcTOOLberfest <i>Celebrate a successful season and prepare tools for winter</i>	Lakewood	14	

TBD	Volunteer Awards & Appreciation Night: <i>Volunteer on 4+ projects this year to be invited to our annual awards night!</i>	TBD	N/A	
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Grossman Scholarship applications open by December! Check out voc.org/scholarship for requirements and details.

PROJECTS MAY CHANGE!

Connect with us at volunteer.voc.org or [@voc_colorado](https://twitter.com/voc_colorado) and sign up for our e-newsletter to keep up-to-date with new projects, date changes, and more.

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THE 2023 STEWARDSHIP SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Join us for 57 incredible opportunities to get outside and give back, including:

- Volunteer projects at 7 state parks
- Our 2nd Annual Pride Month Project
- Trail improvements on three Fourteeners
- Two Family Camping projects
- 5th Annual Women Only project
- And much more!

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