



Volunteer Opportunity: Flint Force

Join the Flint Force — stewarding nature, and caring for our community's wild spaces, one park at a time.

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Location: Southern Conservation Trust
Public Nature Areas (Fayette County)

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ABOUT SOUTHERN CONSERVATION TRUST (SCT)

The Southern Conservation Trust protects and elevates nature through exceptional stewardship, public access, and environmental education. We manage thousands of conserved acres across the Southeast, including five public nature areas and the Fayette Environmental Education Center in Fayette County.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY



The Flint Force is a group of dedicated volunteers who help keep SCT's nature areas beautiful, safe, and welcoming. As a Flint Force volunteer, you'll monitor our public nature areas and work directly with our Department of Parks & Planning to support their ongoing care. Our limited staff cannot cover the many miles of trails and hundreds of acres of public nature areas as efficiently as the motivated team of our Flint Force can!

This is a great opportunity for individuals who enjoy being outdoors, want flexibility in their volunteer schedule, and are passionate about maintaining high-quality natural spaces for the community. Weather permitting, the Flint Force and our Department of Parks and Planning will meet twice per week as a group at one of our nature areas to monitor and train. This is a time to learn about the nature of the work, share our observations, and keep our parks beautiful!

Volunteers typically contribute several hours each month on a flexible schedule of their choosing. It's a legitimate work excuse to take a walk in the park!

Flint Force volunteers also serve as friendly ambassadors while stewarding the parks—helping to answer basic questions, sharing SCT's mission, and alerting SCT staff to issues outside the scope of the volunteer work. Sometimes, just alerting SCT staff to the existence of a suboptimal condition in a particular park is all that stands in the way of keeping each park at its very best!

RESPONSIBILITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Removing litter throughout the nature area
- Light trail maintenance (clearing branches/debris)
- Graffiti removal and general beautification
- Maintaining boardwalks, picnic areas, and kiosks



- Ensuring SCT kiosks display current flyers and posting updated materials as needed
 - Reporting maintenance needs, safety issues, or concerns to SCT staff
 - Assisting with invasive species removal after training
 - Interacting with park visitors and directing them to the appropriate resources as necessary
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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Age 18+ (or accompanied by a parent/legal guardian)
 - Completion of the SCT volunteer waiver - must be re-signed annually
 - Ability to work independently outdoors
 - Willingness to communicate with SCT staff as needed
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PREFERRED SKILLS:

- Enjoy working outdoors and in natural environments
- Reliable and self-motivated
- Good time management and the ability to plan your own volunteer hours
- Comfortable interacting with the public



- Awareness of personal limitations and commitment to performing only assigned/trained tasks
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BENEFITS:

- Flexible, self-scheduled volunteer hours
- Support the conservation and care of local natural spaces
- Gain hands-on stewardship experience
- Build community and represent a trusted regional conservation organization
- Great for service hours, resume building, and outdoor enthusiasts

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