



Volunteer Job Descriptions

Hospitality Hosts

Volunteers greet guests, share park information, answer questions, take pictures, promote specials daily park events, and provide other services that enhance the visitor experience. Areas include the Museum, Split Rock, Half Moon, Fudge Shop Porch, and the Butterfly Garden. At the top, volunteers may serve at the Bridge, the Top Shop Photo Exhibit, and on the trails. **Time Commitment:** *May – October, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. One shift per week is requested with a minimum of two shifts per month. Volunteers may work the entire shift, or arrange partial shifts within this time period with the volunteer coordinators. Volunteers are suggested to commit at least 40 hours of service a season.*

Animal Habitat Hosts

Volunteers circulate at the various exhibits throughout the Habitats. In addition to hospitality services, these volunteers interact with visitors to provide information regarding each animal on display at Grandfather Mountain. **Time Commitment:** *May – October, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m. One shift per week is requested with a minimum of two shifts per month. Volunteers may work the entire shift, or arrange partial shifts within this time period with the volunteer coordinators. Volunteers are suggested to commit at least 40 hours of service a season.*

Education and Special Event Opportunities

Volunteers occasionally aid our naturalists, keepers, or event staff by assisting with event and program set-up. Volunteers offer support by setting up tables, helping participants during programming, or assisting in other specific activities. *These projects are based on specific needs in the park and are not always available.*

Group Volunteers

Groups of volunteers are welcome to assist the Grandfather Mountain staff with a variety of special projects in the park. Projects range from landscaping, trail work, animal habitat cleaning, trash pick-up, painting, non-native invasive species control, and other special projects as they arise. *These projects are based on specific needs in the park and are not always available. Arrangements must be made in advance with the volunteer coordinator.*