FRIENDS OF THE FELLS

Group Volunteer FAQs

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Friends of the Fells! You can volunteer at the Fells with your corporate group, scout troop, running club, college club, community organization, youth group, or any other community group to support a variety of activities and projects.

What are some available times?
Group volunteer days are scheduled on Tuesday mornings (10:00 am - 12:00 pm) or Tuesday afternoons (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm). Rain dates are the same week as your scheduled event on Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you are interested in a day outside of those times, please let us know, and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule.

What happens if we get bad weather?
If there is inclement weather (pouring rain, steady sleet or snow, strong winds, or thunder) then we will push the event to its rain date. If the rain date poses a similar issue, the event will be canceled for that week, and an alternative week can be scheduled if available.

What is the recommended attire?
We recommend wearing long sleeves, pants, tall socks, and good sneakers or boots. These will help prevent potential poison ivy and tick exposure. In the warmer months, we recommend a hat and sunglasses. In the colder months, we recommend warm layers, a hat, and warm gloves.

Will tools and equipment be supplied?
Yes! Friends of the Fells and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will provide all the necessary tools and equipment for your event. Please feel free to bring your own gardening gloves if you have them.

What should we bring?
We recommend bringing warm layers during the colder months, a rain jacket if it is lightly raining, and snacks and water (ideally in a reusable water bottle). Sunscreen and bug spray are encouraged in the warmer months.

Are there restrooms?
Depending on the location of the project, there may be bathrooms available. However, please plan for no restrooms on-site.

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Where are we working?
The project location changes depending on the time of year and the needs of the park. Volunteer leaders will be notified of the exact location and address one week before the event.

How do I get there?
Directions to reach the work location will be shared with you one week before your event. The Fells can be accessed via car and has ample parking lots. Some sections of the park can also be accessed via the MBTA bus system and the Orange Line. Learn more about accessing the Fells via public transportation here.

What will we be doing?
Activities can be invasive removal via hand pulling or the utilization of hand tools (loppers, pruners, weed wrenches, pick-axes, shovels, etc); trash pick-ups with trash grabbers and bags; or trail maintenance with culvert clearing and trail building using shovels and rakes. The exact project and its associated tools will be shared with the volunteer leader one week before the event.

Why is a donation requested?
A tax-deductible donation is requested for each event for businesses and corporate groups to offset the costs of the coordination, execution, and supplies of the volunteer day. We greatly appreciate your support of both the Friends' public programming and sustaining the Fells for future generations!

If you are interested in scheduling a time to volunteer with your group, please complete the Volunteer Group Event Request Form and reach out to Maddie Morgan at maddie.morgan@fells.org if you have any questions.