

## Volunteer throughout Manatee County:

A variety of volunteer positions are available at the following parks and preserves:

### East Manatee County:

- Rye Preserve
- Duette Preserve
- Headwaters at Duette
- Moody Branch Preserve

### West Manatee County:

- Bennett Park
- Conservatory Park
- Coquina Beach
- Emerson Point Preserve
- Jiggs Landing
- Leffis Key
- Neal Preserve
- Perico Preserve
- Pine Island
- Riverview Pointe Preserve
- Robinson Preserve

Call today for more information on how you can make a difference in your community!

## You really *can* make a big difference!



By volunteering in the preserves, you will make a **positive impact** on the environment. You'll help preserve the homes of native plants and animals, re-establishing much needed habitat. Your work will also help to secure the land for the enjoyment of future generations.



## Volunteer in your Parks and Preserves

### Join our Team!

For more information on our volunteer openings, to request a volunteer application, or to schedule a group volunteer event please contact the Volunteer and Education Division.

To register for volunteer events or to inquire about volunteer opportunities email Michelle Leahy at [michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org](mailto:michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org)  
Or call 941 748 4501 extension 6035

We look forward to hearing from you!

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How can volunteers help? From conducting scientific research to building trails, to exotic plant and trash removal, there are many opportunities to help!

*Help your community by helping the environment. Here's how:*



**Preserve Partners** form the core of our volunteer team. These individuals select a location, set their own schedule, and commit to helping at the preserve a minimum of once a month. Our dynamic Preserve Partners participate in a variety of activities, including:

- Trail maintenance
- Trash retrieval
- Exotic species removal
- Gardening/planting
- Wildlife identification
- Seed collection
- Greeting the public
- Leading nature programs
- Small carpentry projects

Task difficulty varies but can be adjusted to suit each person's needs. As preserve needs change on a regular basis, volunteers have the opportunity to participate in many different activities, keeping their job exciting and challenging!

### Group Volunteer Events

are always available, too. We have short-term opportunities that are suitable for a day trip or long-range projects that can be "adopted" as an ongoing commitment by your service group. Group projects can also be undertaken along with a hands-on educational program, uniting learning with taking an active role in restoration and conservation. Each opportunity is more than just service work—volunteers learn about Florida's ecosystems while helping to preserve them.

Projects can be adapted for **any** age range or group size, too. Whether you're working with a scout troop, school group, or adult club our Volunteer and Education Division Manager can help create an opportunity for you!



### By volunteering in our preserves you can:

- Preserve Manatee County's natural lands
- Discover and learn about Florida's natural environment
- Share your special skills and talents with others
- Take part in opportunities for special training and classes designed to expand your knowledge of Florida's environment
- Work as part of a dynamic and dedicated volunteer team
- Make new friends
- Help others learn to appreciate nature
- Learn new skills and trades
- Earn community service hours

All department volunteers receive *Vistas*, the Parks and Natural Resources Department's newsletter and the monthly Preserve Partners volunteer update. Each volunteer is also eligible for our recognition program, "Preserve Participation Rewards," special volunteer-only events, and the county's annual Volunteer Recognition Program.

Each year our volunteers donate over 10,000 hours to the preserves.