

Why Adopt-a-Park?

Often, park visitors notice litter left behind by park users and may feel frustrated that our parks are treated this way. Now you can put those feelings into action. With 4000+ acres of premier park land and 50+ miles of trails, it is often challenging to keep up with the tremendous use of our open spaces. Having a strong group of volunteer park stewards to support the park system in Prince William County, your volunteer efforts can make the difference in achieving the high standards we have for these important areas in our community.



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Our Mission

To preserve, protect and enhance the parks and open spaces of Prince William County, to improve awareness about recycling and efforts to end littering.

About our Program

The purpose of the Adopt-a-Park program is to promote partnerships between community members, groups, and businesses to assist the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff with routine maintenance, clean up, and beautification of our parks, open spaces, and trails – creating a beautiful and clean environment for all to enjoy.

Using volunteers, designated areas within our parks and trails system will be spruced up by removing litter, debris, controlling weeds, planting of trees and plants, mulching, and identifying hazards and eliminating of such. This program also aims to educate county residents about the importance of our parks, open spaces, and trails.

Who Can Participate?

This volunteer program is designed to encourage individuals or established groups to help improve and maintain our county's parks, trails and open spaces. Students can use their volunteer time



toward community service hours too! Local businesses are encouraged to join the Adopt-a-Park program and receive recognition for their stewardship of the environment. Your group or organization can help preserve, protect and enhance our county parks. Join us and help make a difference in your community!

- Scout troops
- Youth groups
- Businesses
- Environmental organizations
- Community groups
- Schools/school clubs
- Families
- Church groups
- Sports teams
- Individuals

Expectations

We ask for a minimum commitment of one (1) year of service to your adopted park. At the end of your one-year commitment, you can renew with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism approval. We ask that volunteers perform cleaning tasks at their park location a minimum of twice per month.

Each organization/group must select a contact person. This person will be the point of contact for the organization/group. This person will also be responsible to assure that each participant complies with the Adopt-a-Park program requirements, all safety procedures, and has signed the liability release with Prince William County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Requirements

- Agree to a minimum term of one (1) year.
- Submit an application for approval.
- Conduct an on-site walk through to formalize an agreement.
- Adhere to all safety tips and conditions of adoption.
- Submit report form after each scheduled cleanup day to the DPRT program coordinator.
- All clean up work must be performed during daylight hours.

Qualifications

- Interested and willing to assume responsibility for maintaining or improving a park site.
- Must be 18 years or older to be a volunteer project leader. Project leaders assume the lead role for a group, a business or for individual interest. Project participants may be younger than 18 years old if written parent permission is granted and proper adult supervision (18 years or older) is provided.
- Participants are to use their own supplies for cleanup purposes.

Recognition

After completing at least one year with the program:

- An official Certificate of Adoption for group or individual will be presented.
- Adopt-a-Park group or individual will receive a metal "Adopt-a-Park" sign that will be installed at your park site with name of group or individual.

How to Apply

1. Print and fill out the Adopt-a-Park program application.
2. Print and fill out the Volunteer Service Agreement and Release for group members. Volunteers under the age of 18 must include a parent/guardian signature.
3. Mail the forms to:
**Prince William Department of Parks,
Recreation and Tourism
Adopt-a-Park Program Coordinator
14420 Bristow Road
Manassas, VA 20112**
4. The Program Coordinator will review your application. You will be contacted upon approval.

Contact Information

For more information, visit pwcparks.org, or email jlafleur@pwcparks.org.

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