



Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Campground Host Opportunities Guide

The Chequamegon- Nicolet National Forest has a variety of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Below is a list of general duties for campground hosts and of offices/campgrounds where opportunities are available. Please feel free to contact the office and/or fill out an application and return it to any of our offices.

General duties of a campground host include:

- Campground hosts must be identifiable, visible and a positive representative of the USDA Forest Service. Maintain a groomed appearance, greet visitors and provide information, and display a courteous and helpful demeanor when rendering assistance to visitor questions. Host campsites will be tidy and welcoming to visitors.
- Clean and resupply restroom facilities, campsites and fire rings after a campsite is vacated.
- Hosts may be asked to assist visitors during any severe inclement weather related emergencies.
- Encourage visitors to “do the right things” by following all Forest Service rules and regulations.
- Forest Service provides a free campsite (amenities vary by site) and all maintenance supplies.

Time commitment:

- Minimum of one month, or up to a full season. Season dates are typically May 1 – October 31
- Expected to work a minimum of Friday mornings – Monday evening as well as holidays.
- Visitation revolves heavily around weekends and holidays when presence is required.

Requirements:

- Have adequate housing (Motorhome, RV or similar) for extended periods of time.
- Physical condition with ability to monitor facility and perform above general duties.

Lakewood-Laona Ranger District

Laona Office: 4978 State Highway 8 West, Laona, WI 54541 (715) 674-4481

Host Opportunities Include: Boulder, Boot Lake, Bear Lake, Richardson Lake, Ada, Bagley Rapids, Pine Lake

Medford-Park Falls Ranger District

Park Falls Office: 1170 4th Avenue South, Park Falls, WI 54552 (715) 762-2461

Host Opportunities Include: Chippewa, Twin Lakes, Sailor Lake, Emily Lake

Great Divide Ranger District

Hayward Office: 10650 Nyman Ave, Hayward, WI 54843 (715) 634-4821

Host Opportunities Include: Namekagon, Black Lake, Moose Lake, Day Lake, East Twin, Beaver Lake

Washburn Ranger District

113 Bayfield St. East Washburn, WI 54891 (715) 373-2667

Host Opportunities Include: Birch Grove, Wanoka, Perch Lake

Eagle River-Florence Ranger District

1247 E. Wall St. (State Highway 13) Eagle River, WI 54521 (715) 479-2827

Host Opportunities Include: Franklin Lake, Laurel Lake, Lac Vieux Desert, Luna-White Deer, Spectacle, Lost Lake and Morgan Lake

More information on above host opportunities may be found at www.volunteer.gov.



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FACT SHEET

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

Unplug and reconnect to the largest expanse of public lands under one ownership in northern Wisconsin. Explore the more than 1.5 million acres of water and woodlands year-round motorized trail riding, water and land-based sports and the solitude of quiet campgrounds.

The former Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests, both established in 1933, were combined into the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest February 1998. The Forest operates out of nine District Offices and a Supervisor's Office in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The Forest is also home to the Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Laona and the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland.

Land Ownership:

The Forest is comprised of more than 1.5 million acres in 11 northern Wisconsin counties and 65 townships. It is part of the treaty ceded areas for 11 Indian tribes that retain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on national forest lands. Other lands within the Forest's boundaries include more than 1,200 separate parcels owned by the Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, the State of Wisconsin, industrial forest land and privately owned properties.

- **Perennial Streams:** 2,140 miles
- **Lakes:** 2,020; 609 larger than 10 acres
- **Spring Ponds:** 440
- **Wetlands:** 347,000 acres

Recreation Opportunities:

- **Water-related Recreation Sites:** 45 campgrounds; 39 picnic areas; 24 designated swimming beaches
- **Annual Visitors:** 759,000 (2016 National Visitor Use Monitoring Report)
- **Public Access to Lakes over 10 Acres:** 119 boat ramps and 59 walk-in trails
- **Areas of Solitude:** 46,414 acres in five wilderness areas; 68,100 acres in 19 nonmotorized areas
- **Nonmotorized Trails:** 493 miles (20 ski trails; 49 hiking trails; four horse trails; 56 hunter walking trails; six bike trail loops), three National Recreation and two National Scenic Trails
- **Motorized Recreation:** 9,000 miles of road; 292 miles of developed all-terrain vehicle trails; more than 800 miles of groomed snowmobile trails

A Variety of Life:

- **Federally Threatened and Endangered Species:** Fassett's Locoweed, Canada Lynx and Kirtland's Warbler
- **State Threatened and Endangered Species:** 20 plants and 14 animals
- **Rare Biological Communities:** Pine Barrens (10 percent of state total)
- **Diversity:** Great variety of plant and animals species due to location at intersection of northern forests, eastern forests and Great Plains.

A Glimpse of History:

- **Archeological Sites:** Approximately 2,500 known sites, ranging from 10,000-year old pre-European contact sites to 19th and 20th century logging camps, homesteads, Civilian Conservation Corps fire towers and camps. The Forest contains more than half of the archeological sites recorded in northern Wisconsin's 15 counties.



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Volunteer Application for Natural Resources Agencies		Instructions: Mark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the appropriate boxes, for other items either print or type responses. If extra space is needed use block 19.	
1. Name (Last, First, Middle)	2. Age	3. Telephone Number () -	4. Email Address
5. Street Address (include apartment no., if any)		6. City, State and ZIP code	
7. Which general volunteer work categories are you most interested in?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical/ Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil/ Watershed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Botany	<input type="checkbox"/> Pest/Disease Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Timber/Fire Prevention	
<input type="checkbox"/> Campground Host	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals/ Geology	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Campground Maintenance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Tour Guide/Interpretation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Office/Clerical	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Range/Livestock	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish/Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Research/Librarian		
8. What qualifications/skills/experience/education do you have that you would like to use in your volunteer work?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking/Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Equipment Operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language	
<input type="checkbox"/> Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Horses – Care/ Riding	<input type="checkbox"/> Supervision	
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Reforestation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Trade skills (Please specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Surveying		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerical/Office Machines	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock/Ranching		
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Map reading		
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting/Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Working with People	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hand/Power Tools	<input type="checkbox"/> Research/Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)	
9. Based on boxes checked in items 7 and 8, what particular type of volunteer work would you like to do? (Please describe any specific qualifications, skills, experience or education that apply)			

10. Are you a United States Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, additional information may be required)			
11. a. Have you volunteered before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
b. If Yes, please briefly describe your volunteer experience.			
12. Would you like to supervise other volunteers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
13. What are some of your objectives for working as a volunteer? (Optional)			



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14. Please specify any physical limitations that may influence your volunteer work activities:	
15. a. Which months would you be available for volunteer work? <input type="checkbox"/> January <input type="checkbox"/> February <input type="checkbox"/> March <input type="checkbox"/> April <input type="checkbox"/> May <input type="checkbox"/> June <input type="checkbox"/> July <input type="checkbox"/> August <input type="checkbox"/> September <input type="checkbox"/> October <input type="checkbox"/> November <input type="checkbox"/> December	
15b. How many hours per week would you be available for volunteer work? Hours	
15c. Which days per week would you be available for volunteer work? <input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	
16. Specify at least three states or specific locations within a state where you would like to do volunteer work.	
17. Specify your lodging needs: <input type="checkbox"/> I will furnish my own lodging (such as tent; camper; own, relative's or friend's place) <input type="checkbox"/> I will require assistance in finding lodging	
18. If a volunteer assignment is not available at the location specified in item 16, do you want your application forwarded to another location or Federal agency seeking volunteers with your background/interests? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Please specify)	
19. This is provided for more detailed responses. Please indicate the item numbers to which these responses apply:	
Burden Statement	
<i>According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0080. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.</i>	
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Notice to Volunteer	
Volunteers are not considered Federal employees for any purposes other than tort claims and injury compensation. Volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other benefit. However, volunteer service is creditable work experience. By signing this application the volunteer(s) understand(s) s/he may be subject to a reference check, background check, and/or criminal history inquiry.	
Privacy Act Statement	
<i>Collection and use is covered by Privacy Act System of Records OPM/GOVT-1 and USDA/OP-1, and is consistent with the provisions of 5 USC 552a (Privacy Act of 1974), which authorizes acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data will be used to maintain official records of volunteers of the USDA and USDI for the purposes of tort claims and injury compensation. Furnishing this data is voluntary, however if this form is incomplete, enrollment in the program cannot proceed.</i>	
20. Signature (Sign in ink)	20. Date



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