



White Mountain National Forest Volunteer Duties Guide



Position/s	Wilderness Monitoring Volunteer
WMNF Unit/s	Saco and Androscoggin Ranger Districts
Direct Supervisor	Jana Johnson, coordinator of Wilderness Monitoring Volunteers
Duties	Hike to a pre-selected location on a trail accessing one of six Wilderness Areas within the White Mountain National Forest (round-trip hiking distances are between 6 and 12 miles). Observe and record the number of people encountered at a given location for a four-hour period, from 11 am to 3pm. Monitoring is conducted on the same day at the same site, annually (i.e. 3 rd Saturday of July), regardless of weather (excluding extreme weather events). Light trail maintenance duties are possible depending on the location of the monitoring.
Desired Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliability and commitment – short notice cancellations may compromise the integrity of the monitoring data collected over the last decade. • Hiking experience necessary: ability to hike up to 12 miles through rugged and remote terrain on maintained hiking trails. • Have necessary equipment and experience to safely spend a day in wilderness (i.e. rain gear, backpack, hiking boots, basic map reading skills) and are comfortable remaining in a remote location for a 4-hour period. • Ability to communicate effectively with Forest Service employees, and the visiting public. • Transportation to and from trailhead.
Time Required	Travel time to get to trailhead, hiking to and from the monitoring location may take up to 4-5 hours round trip, and the monitoring duration is 4 hours. Total time per monitoring session is 8-10 hours.
Training	<u>Mandatory:</u> Review of Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) and contact with monitoring coordinator to obtain necessary forms and information.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This position provides an opportunity to protect natural resources, enhance recreation experiences of Forest visitors and perform physically demanding but gratifying outdoor work in a superlative environment. • Annual Recreation Pass-16 hours of service • America the Beautiful Volunteer Pass-250 hours of service • Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Forest or with all WMNF Volunteers