

Lee County Parks & Recreation Volunteer Opportunities for College Students

If this is your first time volunteering with Lee County Parks and Recreation, please fill out a volunteer application and **bring it with you**.

The application is found at this site: <http://www.leeparks.org/volunteers/index.html> or you can contact LCPR Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Cahill at kcahill@leegov.com

TO VERIFY HOURS

FGCU Class or Graduation hours: If you are a FGCU student who only needs a few hours for a class or graduation and you need to bring your class/school paperwork with you.

If doing electronic version, please use Kathy Cahill and KCahill@leegov.com as your supervisor and put in the notes who you worked with and what you did.

GROUP PROJECTS – If you would like to be a group project leader and lead up a clean up, please contact Volunteer Services at kcahill@leegov.com. This is a great way to get you and several of your peers service learning hours complete and have fun too.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES:

Matanzas Pass Preserve – 199 Bay Rd. Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

San Carlos Bay/Bunche Beach Park – 18201 John Morris Rd. Fort Myers, FL 33908

Bowditch Regional Park – 50 Estero Blvd. Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Contact Rick Bauer RBauer@leegov.com

CALOOSAHATCHEE REGIONAL PARK - 19130 North River Road Alva, FL 33920

Trail Maintenance Work Project - The staff and Volunteers at CRP gather together to host a work party to maintain trails around CRP every month. Come ready to work outdoors and wear closed toed shoes or boots. These clothes should be old ones you don't care about as they may get dirty. We may get wet but not higher than our ankles.

Call (239) 694-0398 for more information.

LAKES PARK – 7330 Gladiolus Drive Fort Myers, FL 33908

Parking pass will be provided while volunteering

- 1. Train Village** - Volunteer Work Days at the Train Village every Thursday 8:45am-noon. Meet at Train Museum and ask for Bonnie. Come prepared to work outside and bring all your paperwork with you to be signed at the end of your time.
Directions: When you enter Lakes Park turn right park by the train playground. You will walk towards the building and the train tracks. When you arrive ask for Norma or Bonnie Ryan bonniemarieryan@aol.com.
- 2. Lakes Parks Gardens Volunteer** - Work days every Tues and Thursday starting at the gardens at 8:30am till around noon. Gardening, weeding, digging, pulling, etc. Make sure to plan to work outside, bring water, wear clothes to get dirty and close toe shoes. Bring sunscreen, water, sunglasses and hat.
Directions: When you enter Lakes Park turn right and follow until the pavement ends. You will see a community garden with black fencing. BEHIND that garden is the fragrance gardens you will be helping with. When you arrive let the volunteers know you are there to help and ask what you can do.

MANATEE PARK – 10901 State Road 80/Palm Beach Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 3390

Workday projects – For detailed information on various workday projects contact Laura Carr at lcarr@leegov.com or (239) 690-5030.

BLUEWAY

Assist at paddle related events throughout the year. Contact Mike Hammond at mhammond@leegov.com

LEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION GARDENS

Pine Island – Phillips Park Garden Club hosts a volunteer work day every fourth Thursday of the month. If you are interested contact Valerie Fors Valerie Fors at vifors@gmail.com.

Trailhead Park in Lehigh – Trailhead Park is the only park in Lee County that is a planted prairie. It has beautiful paved walking trails and restrooms. Some day this will be the start of miles of trails. Volunteers are needed for an annual wildflower and grass planning. Contact Kathy Cahill for more information at kcahill@leegov.com

Terry Park Butterfly Gardens – Calling all butterfly enthusiasts this is a great opportunity for you. Volunteers are needed to assist master gardeners with this beautiful demonstration butterfly gardens at Terry Park. Contact PIDC desk for more info at 239-533-7504.

Terry Park Herb Garden – The herb garden at Terry Park has a work day every Wednesday at 8:30am. Employees with the Department of Health assist in the gardener every second Wed of the month from 9-11am. Contact Kathy Cahill for more info kcahill@leegov.com.

Additional Groups

Keep Lee County Beautiful – www.klcb.org

Check out their website for ongoing beach cleanups all year long.

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Volunteer Services

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239-707-0876 text/call

*All projects subject to change due to staff availability