



The National Wildlife Refuge System is the most extensive network of lands designated to protect and conserve wildlife and wildlife habitat. The refuge system stretches across the U.S. from the Arctic Circle in Alaska to the tropical waters of the Caribbean and the South Pacific. These lands encompass over 500 refuges and 92 million acres. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service administers this impressive network of lands to preserve wildlife and wild lands for future generations.

Dear Prospective Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in the volunteer program at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service could not accomplish its many projects without the assistance of volunteers. Each year, volunteers donate tens of thousands of hours to wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries across the country. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (MINWR). MINWR receives approximately 100,000 visitors per year. Most of these visitors arrive at the same time as the migratory birds for which the refuge was established. Refuge volunteers staff the Visitor Information Center orienting visitors and answering questions. The refuge also provides interpretive nature programs from November through March utilizing volunteer naturalists. Attached, please find a list of volunteer opportunities available at MINWR. All refuge volunteers are provided with training needed for the job, usually being paired up with refuge staff and other experienced volunteers. If you would like to be a part of the volunteer program, please complete the attached application and mail it back to the refuge or drop it off at the refuge office located on SR 402, 4 miles east of Titusville.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Staffing the Visitor Information Desk
- Naturalist for Interpretive Nature and Wildlife Programs
- Presenting Off-site General Interpretive Programs to Schools and Special Groups
- Litter Patrol and Pick-up
- Trail maintenance
- General Maintenance and Special Restoration Projects
- Assisting With Wildlife Surveys and Research Projects
- Special Events Assistant
- Volunteer Newsletter Production
- Volunteer Events Coordinator



***Merritt Island
National Wildlife Refuge
Volunteer Application***



Mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System
 "To administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans."

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