



Super Steward: Trail Maintainer Program

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Advanced Trail Skill Levels

Trail Maintainers must meet established trail maintenance goals and volunteer a minimum of 12 hours per tier level or have previous trail maintenance, forest restoration, or other related experience. The amount of hours will stack, ie. Level 2 - 12 hours, Level 3 - 24 hours and so on; hours will correlate with tier specific metric based goals (listed below). Hours reported will be documented through Survey123 and reviewed when possible via on the ground inspection to ensure both quality and integrity of reporting. Below are annual metric goals for each tier, which may vary depending on the specific trail segment and will be discussed individually:

Corridor Keepers maintain trail corridors, ensure informal trails remain closed, keep trails free of debris, report on trail conditions, and manage non-native species along trail edges. Corridor Keepers must complete the following to advance to Structure Maintainer:

- 1 mile of non-native species removed along trail edges and/or
- .5 miles of corridor pruned and/or
- .5 miles of desire line reclosed/closed
- 6 bags of debris removed from trail/natural area and/or
- Report trail conditions at least 4 times a year

Structure Maintainers maintain water bars, check steps, puncheons, turnpikes, drainage dips and other structures present on trail. They also actively close informal trails as part of restoration efforts. Structure Maintainers must complete the following to advance to Structure Builder I:

- Maintain 5 structures (less can be maintained dependent on amount of structures present on adopted trail)
- Close at least 2 desire lines within a trail network (including desire lines closed during training)
- Prep materials for at least 1 locally sourced structure

Structure Builders I volunteers will install check steps, water bars, and rustic check steps on the trail. Advance to Structure Builder I after reporting at least 24 total hours of trail improvement activities. Structure Builder I must complete the following to advance to Structure Builder II:

- Report at least 36 total hours of trail improvement activities
- Install 2 trail structures (including a structure installed during training)
- Build 2 puncheons (including a structure built during training)
- Build 2 rock structures (including a structure built during training)

Structure Builders II install puncheons and rock steps along the trail.