What do volunteers accomplish at the Wells Reserve?

- Gladly give more than 14,000 hours of their time each year
- Lead field trips for hundreds of school children through the Exploring Estuaries, Microscopic Marvels, and Wild Friends in Wild Places programs
- Greet thousands of locals and tourists to Maine’s only National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Monitor 7 miles of trails for safety
- Keep the Laudholm buildings and campus looking their best
- Build picnic tables and Adirondack chairs for the comfort of visitors
- Organize the annual Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival, our single largest fundraising event
- Guide our research, education, and stewardship programs through advisory committees

…and that’s not even the half of it!

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volunteering

Connect, grow, and inspire others by volunteering at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm. We gratefully accommodate nearly any talent, interest, and schedule.

The activities below represent most volunteer roles at the Wells Reserve. If your interests lie elsewhere, please let us know.

**Docent/Naturalist** — Guide school groups in our established programs or lead summer tours on natural history topics.
*WHO*: nature or history fans who love sharing
*WHEN*: weekday mornings

**Visitor Center Receptionist** — Greet callers and visitors, field their questions, and direct them toward experiences they will enjoy.
*WHO*: outgoing folks who thrive on helping
*WHEN*: weekdays

**Trail Ranger** — Monitor trail conditions and share information with visitors out for a walk.
*WHO*: outdoorsy types with people skills
*WHEN*: any time, especially summer weekends

**Maintenance & Stewardship** — Spruce up the property to make it look its best — paint, repair, build, mow, clear brush, maintain trails.
*WHO*: handy folks who like to focus on a task
*WHEN*: any time, especially weekday mornings

**Admission Booth** — Welcome visitors, accept and record fees, and direct people toward suitable activities.
*WHO*: nice people ready to field any question
*WHEN*: May to October

**Special Events** — Plan and implement the Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival, Punkinfiddle, Earth Day, Winter Wildlife Day, concerts, and other gatherings.
*WHO*: organizers and can-do helpers
*WHEN*: all year, especially on event days

**Research** — Contribute to ongoing data collection across a range of topics in coastal science and environmental monitoring.
*WHO*: people with some lab or field experience
*WHEN*: any time

**Office** — Help our operations run smoothly behind the scenes. Assist with mailings, data entry, clerical work, and marketing.
*WHO*: organizers and the computer savvy
*WHEN*: office hours

**Youth Volunteers** — Teens 14 and older can get work experience and earn community service hours. Most opportunities listed above are appropriate for youth volunteers. (Parent/guardian consent required.)

Get Involved!
Every volunteer receives a warm welcome, full training, and constructive feedback. Stay in your comfort zone or try something new. Call, email, or complete the attached form today. We’ll get right back to you.