

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - NATURAL AREAS



Trail Host Program

The City of Loveland is seeking individuals interested in volunteering at Morey Wildlife Reserve, which is located near the Big Thompson River, just west of Mariana Butte. Volunteers for Morey Wildlife Reserve will be trained as trail hosts who can assist visitors and answer questions about the site. The reserve is 27 acres of diverse wildlife habitat including a pond, cottonwood and willow stands, a wetland, and adjacent uplands with native grass meadows. A soft-surface trail for passive recreation (wildlife viewing, nature study) is located along the west side of Morey Pond. Dogs, fishing, hunting, and bicycling are prohibited at all times.



Time Commitment:

- On-site training - 2 hours at Morey Wildlife Reserve
- Trail Host - 2 hours per week minimum (if possible), flexible schedule, year-round

Environmental Education Program

The City of Loveland is recruiting adult volunteers for the Wildlife Program at Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park. The Wildlife Program is offered to 4th & 5th grade classes in the Thompson and Poudre School Districts. Adult volunteers will be trained to give short presentations at environmental education learning stations, and may also be trained to give a short slideshow about signs of wildlife, followed by an on-site hike searching for wildlife signs including scat, tracks, food remains, dens and burrows.

Time Commitment:

- On-site training - 4 hours at Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park
- Teaching - a minimum of 1 weekday per week, from 9 am - 2 pm:
 - Spring programs - April and May
 - Fall programs - September and October
 - Summer programs - dates to be determined



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All volunteers should be in fair physical condition, capable of a 1-mile easy hike. No experience or knowledge of Colorado natural history is required - all training and materials are provided.

**To sign up or request more information, please contact
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