



2020 Volunteer Opportunities

The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge
5437 W. Jefferson Ave., Trenton, MI 48183

The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge represents a new model for conservation, one that restores fish and wildlife habitats in an urban area through innovative public-private partnerships. We welcome and include dedicated volunteers from all backgrounds. Let us know which volunteer opportunities interest you!

To apply: Email us at driwr_volunteer@fws.gov and type the position you are applying for in the subject line.

- 1. Stewardship Crew Volunteer** – Assist with a variety of habitat management activities including forest rehabilitation and invasive species control. This type of work requires heavy physical labor in natural areas and in challenging environments. Stewardship crews may also assist with trail maintenance, kiosk construction and interpretive sign repairs. Participants must be in good physical condition. The work periods are 9:00 AM to noon on Wednesdays at the Humbug Marsh Unit and Mondays from 9:00 AM to noon at the Gibraltar Bay Unit. All necessary tools are provided. This position is currently on hold due to the pandemic.

- 2. Volunteer Photographer** – Using your own equipment, take photographs of native flora and fauna, special events, and refuge staff and volunteers working in the field. Close up and macro photographs preferred. Photos are credited to photographer and become property of the refuge. Images may be used in a variety of outreach materials in print and on the web.

- 3. Visitor Center Greeter and Nature Store Volunteer (*Coming soon*)** – Become a refuge ambassador as you cheerfully greet visitors, provide recreation information, give orientations on the work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, assist visitors with refuge rules and regulations, answer telephones and questions, distribute brochures, respond to visitor correspondence, and sell and tend to items in the Nature Store.

- 4. Fishing Pier Volunteer Monitor (*Coming soon*)** – If you love to fish, tell your fish stories and get others interested in fishing, this position is for you! The new Refuge Gateway fishing pier extends 740 feet into the Detroit River and connects to a 150-foot-long pier. Monitors greet and guide visitors, answer questions, and pick up litter. There is no expectation of providing law enforcement coverage, just a welcoming face!

- 5. Trail Upkeep Volunteer (*Coming soon*)** – Perform all aspects of trail maintenance and construction including mowing grass, clearing brush and fallen logs, trimming brush, picking up litter, and constructing new segments of trail. Volunteers may work alone or in groups and must be in good physical condition. All necessary tools are provided.