

Volunteer Opportunities related to Land Conservation

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Name of Organization + Website	Info	Contacts
Alberta Conservation Association http://www.ab-conservation.com/go/default/index.cfm/careers/volunteer/	They occasionally require the services of volunteers to assist with one-day projects and program delivery.	phone 780-410-1999, toll-free at 1-877-969-9091 or by e-mail at info@ab-conservation.com
Alberta EcoTrust www.albertaecotruster.com/support/volunteer	Although Alberta Ecotruster employees a small staff, volunteers play an important role in much of the work we do. All of the members on our board and committees are volunteers, and volunteers help us with a variety of projects and programs	Contact the Alberta Ecotruster office to find out about volunteer opportunities at 1-800-465-2147.
Alberta Environmental Network http://www.aenweb.ca/search/node/volunteering	A listing of volunteer activities/opportunities for many different organizations – updated regularly	
Alberta Fish & Game Association http://afga.org/content.html?identifier=wtfstewardship	<u>Wildlife Trust Fund Volunteer Stewardship</u> We are committed to providing volunteer opportunities and appreciate the dedication and effort of Volunteer Stewards to ensure a future for our properties and the fish and wildlife that call them home.	Ph: 780-437-2342 Email: office@afga.org
Alberta Native Plant Council http://www.anpc.ab.ca/content/volunteer.php	They sometimes need help with their occasional field activities such as reclamation or weed control.	Email: info@anpc.ab.ca
Canadian Parks And Wilderness Society Calgary/Banff http://www.cpaws-southernalberta.org/takeaction/volunteer.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized Positions • Events • Special Programs/Projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Volunteer Leaders Program b) The Big Wild – The Big Wild is a joint program by Mountain Equipment Coop (MEC) and CPAWS to save at least 50% of Canada’s remaining wilderness. It includes the Big Wild Challenge, where volunteers agree to document their wilderness adventures through blogs, pictures, and/or video, while raising money for CPAWS initiatives. Go to www.bigwild.ca for more information. c) Stewardship – Even protected areas sometimes need a hand! After piloting our hands-on stewardship program in the summer of 2008, we will again be hosting one or two stewardship events in the summer of 2009. <p>Quick Opportunities – These are extra opportunities for current CPAWS volunteers on our email listserv. Some opportunities for volunteers emerge very quickly and may require some level of expertise in a certain field or familiarity with CPAWS. The only way to complete these jobs in time is to contact and recruit current volunteers through email. Click here for more information on our email listservs.</p>	Outreach Manager for CPAWS Southern Alberta lallan@cpaws.org 403-232-6686

<p>Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS) – Northern Alberta Chapter</p> <p>http://cpawsnab.org/take-action/Volunteer/Opportunities/v_opportunities</p>	<p><u>Athabasca Heartland</u> – help promote the Athabasca Heartland campaign to protect at least 50% of this amazing eco-region.</p> <p><u>Big Wild</u> – Lead or join the Big Wild Team in a campaign to protect half of Canada’s wilderness</p> <p><u>Education</u> – lead or join the education team in teaching youth about protecting Alberta wilderness</p>	<p>Choose the opportunities you like and submit a Volunteer Application Form.</p> <p>Contact the Outreach Coordinator: volunteernab@cpaws.org</p>
<p>City of Edmonton</p> <p>http://www.edmonton.ca/attractions_recreation/parks_river_valley/park-steward-program.aspx</p>	<p>Park Steward Program</p> <p>To be a volunteer park steward you need to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the area of the river valley you want to be a steward in • Take part in an orientation • Call in maintenance and safety concerns and inappropriate behaviour within the park system • Maintain a dialogue with the program coordinator • Provide a criminal records check • Fill out an application 	<p>River Valley Volunteer Coordinator Contact Info: Ph: 780-496-4948 Fax: 780-944-7532</p>
<p>Ducks Unlimited Canada</p> <p>http://www.ducks.ca/helpduc/volunteer/index.html</p>	<p><u>Greenwing or Project Webfoot</u> programs for youth – wetland field trip events</p> <p>Examples of other volunteering: clean up purple loose strife from Alberta wetlands, volunteer activities in habitat conservation, volunteer building-bees, nest structure set-up and monitoring field events are organized each year</p>	<p>Email: greenwings@ducks.ca Or call 1-800-665-DUCK (3825)</p> <p>Call Toll-free 1-866-384-DUCK (3825)</p>
<p>Edmonton & Area Land Trust</p> <p>http://www.ealt.ca/volunteer</p>	<p><i>Some of the Current Volunteer Opportunities</i></p> <p><u>Baseline study volunteers:</u> These volunteers would require some knowledge of plants, animals, geology, geography, or land surveying. A small team of people would be required to go out and look at properties of interest to the land trust and do a preliminary report of the site based on the criteria set up by EALT.</p> <p><u>Volunteer Stewards:</u> People interested in monitoring and looking after lands entrusted to the EALT. They would follow the policies set out by the Land Trust for stewarding land. This could include annual monitoring, assistance with a maintenance schedule, helping with work parties, looking after signage or brochures as needed.</p> <p><i>Future Volunteer Opportunities</i></p> <p><u>Work party Volunteers:</u> Persons interested in helping periodically with work parties at sites that the Land Trust is dealing with. This could range from weed eradication to fence replacement or posting signage.</p>	<p>Pamela Wight, Executive Director</p> <p>Tel: 780-483-7578 Email: pamwight@ealt.ca</p>
<p>Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN)</p> <p>http://fanweb.ca/how-to-help/volunteer</p>	<p>Some examples of volunteer activities:</p> <p><u>FAN YNC:</u> Young Naturalist leaders are needed for co-ordinating field trips with local expert naturalists or leading their own field trips.</p> <p><u>FAN LBW:</u> Talk to lake shore residents about how they can make their properties more environmentally friendly to the lake.</p>	<p>(780) 427-8124</p>

	<p><u>FAN IBA</u>: Caretakers watch over Important Bird Areas - call us for more information.</p> <p><u>FAN Field Observations</u>: Submit your natural history sightings to FAN's Natural History Database, participate in natural history counts like, May Species Counts, Christmas Bird Counts, Nest Record monitoring, Plant Watch and more.</p> <p>FAN belongs to a federation of nature clubs found in different parts of Alberta, if we can't find a volunteer role for you directly with FAN, there may be additional volunteer opportunities through our clubs.</p>	
<p>Nature Conservancy of Canada</p> <p>http://www.natureconservancy.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=vfn_volunteer_AB</p>	<p>"Check this website in the New Year for the 2010 line-up of Conservation Volunteer Events"</p>	<p>Robin McLeod Conservation Volunteers Coordinator Nature Conservancy of Canada #830-1202 Centre Street SE Calgary, AB T2G 5A5 Toll free: 1-877-262-1253 ext. 3547 Direct line: 403-444-3547 E-mail: alberta@conservationvolunteers.ca</p>
<p>Southern Alberta Land Trust Society(SALTS)</p> <p>http://www.salts-landtrust.org/help_6_volunteer.html#6</p>	<p>As a non-profit organization, we keep a lean staff complement. That means there is always more work to do than hands to do it, and we are coming to rely increasingly on a host of volunteers.</p> <p>Some tasks take specific skills, but most just require a willingness to work for the conservation of Alberta's rangelands. Contact us if you are interested.</p>	<p>Email: info@salts-landtrust.org Phone: 403-282-7011</p>
<p>Trout Unlimited Canada</p> <p>http://www.tucanada.org/</p> <p>http://www.oldmantu.ca/projects.html</p>	<p>Alberta volunteer chapters of Trout Unlimited Canada are involved in projects to repair local streambanks (also known as the riparian zone). Volunteers are often needed to help with tree planting and reseeding of the riparian zones, assisting landowners in making modifications to their livestock management strategies and assessing water quality and fish populations. (All projects are reviewed by a qualified biologist before their implementation.) Also, the Yellow Fish Road project - The program involves local community volunteers that paint yellow fish symbols beside storm drains to remind people that unwanted household products should not be dumped down these curbside drains.</p>	<p>Trout Unlimited Canada Box 6270, Station D Calgary, Alberta Canada T2P2C8 (403) 221-8360</p> <p>1(800) 909-6040</p>
<p>Volunteer Steward Program</p> <p>http://tpr.alberta.ca/parks/volunteer/stewards/default.aspx</p>	<p><u>Volunteer Stewards</u> There are two ways to become involved in volunteer stewardship: as a roving steward or as a steward assigned to one or more sites. Volunteer stewards help us monitor conditions at select parks and protected areas, many of which are remote or undeveloped. Roving stewards are not assigned to a specific site, but are free to move from site to site and take on special projects that are short or long in duration. Stewards assigned to sites are required to visit their assigned</p>	<p>email Coral Grove, the Volunteer Steward Coordinator at Parks Volunteer (Parks.volunteer@gov.ab.ca).</p>

	<p>site(s) at least twice per year to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observe, record and report on natural conditions and human activities, including any site destruction or alteration, and unauthorized activities; • install and maintain signs along the site boundary, where applicable; and • complete and submit site-inspection forms, which the department uses to update its site database. 	
<p>Western Sky Land Trust</p> <p>http://www.westernskylandtrust.ca/index.php?page=how2help/index.php</p>	<p>We are currently seeking volunteers to help with bookkeeping and website design. If you are committed to conservation, would like to assist in advancing our mandate, and have a background in accounting or website development – we would be interested in hearing from you.</p>	<p>Tracy Tarves, Executive Director Phone: 403-268-4721</p>