

Mines of Spain Recreation Area

Iowa State Trail Explorer Volunteer Program

The *Iowa State Trail Explorer Volunteer Program* is an 'adopt-a-trail' program developed to help support Iowa DNR staff in keeping the trails maintained, safe and friendly. In addition to the traditional 'adopt-a-trail' approach (i.e., trail maintenance), volunteers will act as park ambassadors in order to deepen the connection between the Mines of Spain and its trail users. The trail system is split into several segments, for which teams of 3-4 volunteers will be responsible for. Volunteers will receive training and an item to identify that they are a DNR volunteer.

Duties

- Be a friendly trail steward
- Hike/paddle designated trails on a routine basis
- Communicate to park staff any hazards (e.g., downed trees, broken boards on bridges or steps, downed or missing signs)
- Pick up trash along trail and dispose of properly (recycling when possible)
- Perform minor trail maintenance in accordance to park policies (e.g., cut back branches)¹
- Assist with control of invasive species
- Provide information to trail users as requested
- Report volunteer hours to park staff
- Provide feedback to park staff on trail issues and any problem with park users²

Notes

1. *Volunteers may be asked to help coordinate and/or assist with larger trail maintenance projects*
2. *Volunteers are not to assume any law enforcement roles*

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Name:

Organization:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Mobile: (.....) -

Email:

Date: Availability: Spring Summer Fall Winter

Please indicate your top three choices for trail segments by placing a 1, 2 or 3 in the appropriate box:

	Trail Segment		Trail Segment		Trail Segment
☒	Woodland Tree Walk	☒	Mesquakie	☒	Cattesse
☐	Lead Mine Loop	☐	Upper Calcite	☐	Eagle Scout 1
☐	Pine Chapel	☐	Lower Calcite	☐	Eagle Scout 2
☐	Upper Catfish	☐	Horseshoe Bluff	☐	Eagle Scout 3
☐	Lower Catfish	☐	Sauk and Fox	☐	Chief Peosta
☐	Catfish to Monument	☐	Cedar Ridge	☐	Catfish Creek (Paddle)
☐	Monument to Riprow	☐	Prairie Ridge	☐	

If you know the team members you would like to volunteer with on your trail segment, please list their names here:

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I do hereby state the following:

- I will be a good trail steward.
- I will do my best to uphold the duties as set by the Iowa DNR and park staff.
- I will inform park staff if I am unable to fulfill my duties or will be taking an extended break from volunteering.
- I am at least 18 years of age (or have filled out the required paperwork with my parent or guardian).

Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian: Date:

Iowa DNR Use Only – Please do not write below this line.

Please Check:	Approved?	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Release/Liability Waiver complete?	Segment:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Training scheduled?	Term:		
Additional Notes:			