



## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

Welcome to the Connecticut Forest & Park Association! Volunteers play a vital role in CFPA's work and we appreciate your interest in supporting our conservation efforts. **Please complete the form below and on the second page.** This information will help us to identify your specific areas of interest, as well as the times that you are available.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EVE/WEEKEND PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to opt out of receiving CFPA information, news, and alerts through emails

BEST FORM OF CONTACT (circle): CELL#    DAYTIME #    EVE #    E-MAIL

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

IF STUDENT, FIELD OF STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about CFPA? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a CFPA member?                       Yes     No

**AVAILABILITY** (Check all that apply)

- |                                    |                                     |                                      |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays  | <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring     | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sundays   | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer     | <input type="checkbox"/> On-call     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening   | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter     |                                      |

**CFPA - Connecting people to the land. Conserving Connecticut.**

CFPA is a statewide, non-profit, membership organization that began its conservation work in 1895. Over the past century, CFPA has been instrumental in the acquisition of more than 100 state parks and forests for public use and enjoyment. Today, CFPA remains vigilant and involved in the sound management and protection of our land, water, and wildlife resources. CFPA delivers the following programs: [Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails](#), [Land Conservation](#), [WalkCT](#), [Advocacy](#), and [Environmental Education](#).

**Please complete page 2**

**SKILLS** (Check all that you have experience doing)

- Land protection/forest management
- Land/trail monitoring
- Land record research
- GPS/GIS/cartography
- Trail maintenance/construction
- Building/property maintenance
  - Carpentry
  - Electrical
  - Landscaping
  - Plumbing/HVAC
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Leading hikes/walks
- Working with children or families
- Teaching
- Natural history/geoscience knowledge
  - Birding
  - Botany
  - Entomology
  - Geology
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Office/clerical work
  - Mailings
  - Data entry
  - Word processing
  - Library/archive cataloging
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Communications/marketing
- Computer programming
- Website design/building
- Writing/editing
- Public speaking
- Photography
- Videography
- Artistry (note type) \_\_\_\_\_
- Event coordinating
- Fund-raising
- Other skills \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment** (Check all that you have available for your own use)

- Trail maintenance tools
- Building maintenance tools
- Chainsaw
- GPS
- 4-WD vehicle
- Pickup truck
- Digital camera
- Video camera
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## CFPA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Please check off all areas of interest.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:** Join us for an occasional morning or afternoon to help with membership mailings and general office tasks such as data entry, word processing, and filing. These tasks are ongoing and can be undertaken at your convenience during regular office hours (M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

**ARCHIVAL ASSISTANCE:** As the oldest conservation organization in Connecticut, CFPA has acquired a generous collection of photos, slides, books, and other historical documents. Lend us a hand cataloging, annotating, and preserving these treasures.

**BUILDING/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:** As a central meeting place for our membership and affiliate groups, the CFPA office building is well-loved and needs some TLC from time to time. Occasional skills needed include carpentry, electrical, HVAC, landscaping/gardening, plumbing, and parking lot upkeep and snow removal. If you are a licensed contractor or a particularly handy person, we would certainly appreciate the donation of your time and skills to building and/or property repair and maintenance projects.

**COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING ADVANCEMENT:** Occasional assistance on various CFPA communications and marketing projects is always welcome. Projects include tasks like collecting and organizing contact data, public polling, contributing to our promotional photo library, and assisting with informational materials (such as proofing our annual Connecticut Trails Day booklet).

**LAND/TRAIL CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP:** Help enhance CFPA's long-term trail protection strategy by researching landowner records at town halls; collecting and entering trail and property data into our Geographic Information System (GIS) program; working with local planning, zoning, and conservation agencies to monitor proposed development on and around Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail and New England Trail corridors; and/or taking part in natural resource inventory and boundary monitoring for CFPA's conserved land. A perfect volunteer option for individuals who enjoy research and a sense of discovery.

**OUTDOOR RECREATION LEADERSHIP:** Lace up your hiking boots and share the wonders of nature. Help lead CFPA-sponsored adult outdoor hikes and/or recreation activities. If you enjoy sharing your connection to the land with children, become a trained WalkCT Family Guide and lead WalkCT Family Rambles along a Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail, or a city or state park, forest, or other open space trail that you enjoy.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH/SPECIAL EVENTS DEVELOPMENT:** If you are a people person, please check this box. Bring your outgoing personality and promote CFPA and its programs at agricultural and environmental fairs, outdoor retailer club days, and similar events around the state. Place flyers and brochures at libraries, information kiosks, and other venues. Help to plan and run a special event, such as a fun run, CFPA's Annual Outdoor Gear Expo, or other activity to help build public awareness and support CFPA. If you are a public speaker or educator, share your knowledge with a presentation or workshop for the CFPA community.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** Let your love of the outdoors and hiking help the trails. Assist in the maintenance of the 825+ mile Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. Light pruning, removal of debris, and painting blazes are typical tasks. Work with a CFPA Trail Manager on a trail near you, or assist CFPA's Roving Trail Crews as they undertake major projects, such as bridge-building and trail construction. If you are a regular hiker, become a Trail Monitor and report trail hazards/conditions on a simple form that we provide. You'll receive the *Blue Blaze*, CFPA's spring & fall trail newsletter that lists statewide trail work parties. Please note any specific assignment and/or trail that interest you:

- General trail maintenance. Note specific trail preference, if you have one \_\_\_\_\_
- Roving Trail Crew
- Trail Monitor
- Trail Manager (may require additional training)
- Goodwin Conservation Center (Hampton, CT) native plant wildlife gardens and/or trails

**Thank you for making a difference!** Your time and assistance are important in the work to conserve Connecticut's natural resources, open spaces, trails, and working lands. Please complete **both sides** of this form and return it to CFPA via one of the following ways:

- Mail it to CFPA, 16 Meriden Rd., Rockfall, CT 06481 or
- Fax it to 860-347-7463 or
- Scan it and email as a .pdf to [info@ctwoodlands.org](mailto:info@ctwoodlands.org)

### OFFICE USE

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Rcvd.

\_\_\_\_\_ Database

\_\_\_\_\_ Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Staff

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Date