

JOIN PULLING TOGETHER

Why volunteer?

Volunteers are integral to invasive plants management and habitat restoration in Saanich. We couldn't do it without our volunteer Pulling Together teams!

Share your energy with the parks you love, invest in the spirit of ecosystem restoration and build lasting relationships.



Who can volunteer?

You can! We welcome volunteers who love and respect parks, and are friendly and positive team players.

We work with volunteers of all ages and abilities, individuals and community groups such as faith communities, businesses, schools and clubs. No prior experience is required, and we can supply all tools, training and leadership needed.

Where are the Pulling Together sites?

We have more than forty sites across the District of Saanich. Many sites are accessible by public transit. We update our [website](#) with dates and locations of events, but you can always contact us to learn more.

What is required, and when can I start?

There are three options to be involved with Pulling Together:

- 1. Drop in Volunteers** join a work party when it works for you. You do not need to register, just drop in at a time and place that works for you. Work parties are listed on the Saanich calendar.
 - Drop-in opportunities are open to volunteers of all ages and abilities, (parental supervision required for volunteers under 16 years of age). Tools and instructions are provided.

- Volunteers sign a Saanich waiver on site and are expected to follow on site instructions.
 - Experienced volunteers on site will show you what you need to know. Please wear scruffy clothes, bring plenty of water, gloves and pruners, if you have them.
 - Before you go out, please contact the Park Stewardship Coordinator for specific directions to where the volunteer team meets.
2. **Lead Stewards** are individuals who have some training in ecological restoration and work with Saanich Parks staff to plan, guide, and monitor the restoration activities in their particular park. They lead the volunteer team at their park, direct and supervise at work parties, and welcome and new volunteers. Minimum one-year commitment.
3. **Restoration Volunteers** are volunteers who have some training in ecological restoration and can drop in to various parks, or stay connected to one. These volunteers are the “hands-on” force of the work we do. Minimum one-year commitment.

Next Steps to Volunteer:

- ✓ [Email](#) or phone to ask questions.
- ✓ Chat with our Park Stewardship Coordinator about what parks would fit you best.
- ✓ Attend a work party as a drop-in volunteer. All our events are listed on our [website](#).
- ✓ Contact us if you would like to become a registered volunteer.
- ✓ Thank you for caring for the parks in Saanich!



For more information on the Pulling Together program, ecosystem restoration projects and how to volunteer visit our website saanich.ca and look under the Parks section!

Saanich Parks

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