

Volunteers may participate as follows:

- tour guide/general research/special events school programs and camps
- maintaining flower gardens
- grounds maintenance or odd jobs
- collections management (cataloging research)
- historic housekeeping
- clerical support
- community outreach
- natural areas conservation (invasive species removal, tree planting, trails)
- committee work

OR

- perhaps you may have a skill that is relevant but not listed

Volunteers make a difference!

Volunteers benefit Ruthven by:

- contributing their time, energies and talent; by being objective; bringing special skills and knowledge; supporting the work of staff; providing new ideas and fresh perspectives to enrich programs and the capacity to expand our services; and help to fulfill our mission

In return we can offer opportunities to:

- meet new friends and contacts; build self confidence; feel valued and recognized; develop new skills; participate in professional development activities; be involved in a unique, friendly and supportive atmosphere; be exposed to the great outdoors and realize a rewarding experience.

Together we can contribute to the sustainability of Ruthven Park

To find out more about volunteer opportunities call (905)-772-0560.

Volunteer Application Form

Contact Info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Interest: [see list on opposite page]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> tour guide/general research | <input type="checkbox"/> special events/programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grounds maintenance/odd jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> historic housekeeping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> collections management | <input type="checkbox"/> clerical support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> natural areas conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> community outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> committee work | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Availability:

Day(s): _____ Time(s): _____

All year _____ Seasonal _____

Is there anything else we should know about you?
(educational background, previous volunteer experience, interest or hobbies)

Describe your current situation

- Employed Retired Student Other

Preferred method of communication?

- Phone Mail Email

Please describe why you are interested in volunteering at Ruthven Park and what you hope to gain from the experience?

How did you find out about Ruthven?

- Website Visited Word of Mouth Other

Note: All volunteers will be interviewed, oriented and trained before starting their placement. Some positions require a reference check or police screening prior to being accepted as a volunteer

Personal information gathered will be kept private and in confidence.

FACTS ABOUT RUTHVEN PARK

- owned and managed by The Lower Grand River Land Trust Inc. a not-for-profit, non-government organization
- the property consists of approximately 1500 acres of rich natural and cultural landscapes situated along the banks of the Canadian Heritage Grand River
- the site was designated as a National Historic Site by Parks Canada in 1998
 - The Ontario Heritage Trust holds an easement on the property which provides additional protection for the site.
- the Thompson family owned the property from the 1840's to 1993. Family members were active militiamen, politicians, businessmen, actors, artists and were instrumental to the development of Haldimand County.
- home to the third largest slough forest on the Haldimand Clay Plain
 - a portion of the former town of Indiana, once the largest industrial town in Haldimand County, is located on the Ruthven property.
- Haldimand Bird Observatory's active Ruthven Banding Station (+6,000 birds banded per year)

Ruthven Park is a National Historic Site owned and managed by The Lower Grand River Land Trust Inc. which seeks to conserve, maintain and promote its rich cultural and natural heritage through research, interpretation and education for the enjoyment of present and future generations.



A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE RUTHVEN PARK

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Be part of our team!



Volunteers were instrumental in the founding of Ruthven Park National Historic Site... our goal is to continue this valuable tradition!

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