

Volunteer Position Description

- Position:** Pine Barrens Protector
- Location:** Ossipee Pine Barrens Preserve, Ossipee, Freedom, Madison & Tamworth, NH
- Preserve facts:** New Hampshire's last intact Pine Barrens. 2,700 acres protected, 1,500 of which is fire adapted pitch pine-scrub oak woodland. Overlies a key source of clean water for local residents and businesses, and plays host to dozens of rare and threatened species of bird, moth, and butterfly. Over 13 miles of hiking trails, some of which are open to biking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and Nordic skiing, and one of which is accessible to people of all abilities. Read more about the [Ossipee Pine Barrens Preserve](#).
- Duties:**
- Visit the preserve at least 6 times per year and fill out the volunteer report form on nature.org/nhvolunteers
 - Leaf blow the Accessible Trail and observation platform once in the spring
 - Restock sign-in boxes at the West Branch and Jackman Ridge trailheads with maps every month during the field season. Maintain sign-in sheet records on a Google Doc.
 - Monitor parking areas, signs, gates, and trails for evidence of littering, damage, and non-permitted use. Remove trash from the preserve.
 - Keep trails clearly marked and free of obstruction.
 - Control invasive species at the Jackman Ridge trailhead.
 - Interact with public to educate them on The Nature Conservancy's work, pine barrens natural history, and what's allowed on the preserve.
 - Maintain Picture Post(s) and gather information on visitor usage.
 - May assist in the preparation of areas slated for a controlled burn by mowing fireline, raking brush, and/or running a leaf blower.
 - Carry out additional stewardship duties as requested, when possible.
- Supervisor:** Cassie Bernyk, (603) 356-8833, cassandra.bernyk@tnc.org