



## 2026 Volunteer Opportunities at Government Canyon State Natural Area

**Activities Committee/Hike Leaders** – Help us plan and organize our wide variety of hikes, education and interpretive events. Topics have a wide range: native plants, birding, wildlife, history, geology, the Edwards Aquifer, and many more. You can be a presenter, help coordinate the program for a guest speaker, or assist in other ways. This is perfect for those who want to be part of sharing their love of the outdoors with others. On-the-job training is provided.

**Trailhead Advisor:** Interact with visitors at either the Frontcountry or Backcountry Trailhead and provide information they need to help them have a safe and enjoyable experience. You get to show off your knowledge of GCSNA and provide an invaluable service to staff and visitors alike. Shifts are typically 2 hours long and can occur on Saturdays or Sundays between 9 am-3 pm. Training provided.

**Trail Maintenance** – Help us take care of our trail system. No experience required. This is a great way to contribute as a volunteer without having to make a large time commitment. Workdays are typically on Saturday mornings. Trails need constant maintenance that involves branch trimming, weed-eating, and occasional rock work. Must be physically fit; trail work can be physically challenging but also very rewarding.

**Interpretive Volunteers/School Outreach** – Help kids learn about Central Texas ecosystems and ecology. Work with staff and area teachers as we host field trips to the canyon. We need volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays, mostly in the spring and fall. Training provided.

**Restoration Task Force**-assist Resource Specialists with the removal and/or treatment of invasive species, including but not limited to: johnsongrass, chinaberry, red imported fire ants, monitoring feral hog traps, etc. Certain projects may require herbicide application under the supervision of Resource Specialists. Volunteers in this opportunity may also assist with revegetation projects such as planting and reseeding, vegetation monitoring, and more. All training will be provided.

**Wildlife Surveys**-work with Resource Specialists on various wildlife surveys which may include: arthropods, bobwhite quail, golden-cheeked warblers, black-capped vireo, white-tailed deer, amphibians, game camera surveys, BioBlitzes, and cowbird trapping. Some projects will require additional training which will be provided at dedicated timeframes throughout the year. Volunteers must attend any mandatory training prior to being selected for those opportunities.

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