



WISSAHICKON TRAILS

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COVID 19: Green Phase Safety Guidelines for Volunteers

Greetings Volunteers!

Since Montgomery County has shifted to the Green Phase, we would like to provide an update about what that means for staff and volunteer activities (it isn't much different than the Yellow Phase). Please review the summary of our [Green Phase guidelines](#).

FACE MASKS

On July 1, the Governor announced an executive order requiring people to wear masks when they leave their homes. This includes all outdoor spaces (if consistent 6ft distancing is not possible) as well as all public or shared indoor spaces. Please review the executive order for more details: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/20200701-SOH-Universal-Face-Coverings-Order.pdf>.

Given the narrowness of our trails, we ask all trail users (including volunteers) to wear a mask while out on the trails! **You are responsible for bringing your own mask** to a field site. For the safety of staff and volunteers, any volunteer without a mask will not be able to participate.

TRAVEL

We will be following the Governor's guidelines for travel, requiring active volunteers who engage in travel (for any reason) to certain states with high rates of COVID 19 to cease volunteer involvement for a 2-week period upon return.

For an up-to-date list of states from which volunteers must self-quarantine upon return, visit <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>.

If you are an active volunteer and are planning to travel internationally, please have a conversation with Jenn Bilger about your travel plans so you can determine appropriate mitigation upon your return.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

As we have gradually resumed some allowable volunteer activities, our first priority remains minimizing risk for all participants. The volunteer activities below will be coupled with mitigation practices including limiting the number of people involved in field work, wearing masks, and maintaining a 6ft distance where possible.

We have reactivated the following volunteer programs this summer:

- Citizen Science - including Creek Watch
- Evans-Mumbower Mill – small and necessary projects
- Conservation Crew – including monitoring your section of trail or specific preserve and small projects, but not including large group service projects
- Nature Programs - possible with masking and social distancing outdoors (depending on public interest)

Aside from the field work previously mentioned, staff will continue remote teleworking for all activities. We look forward to working with you soon! In the meantime, we invite you to stay involved virtually – check out the fun options below:

Visit the **Virtual Resources** section on our webpage.
<https://wissahickontrails.org/news/virtual-engagement>

Here you'll find virtual tours, videos of our native flora and fauna, learn how to start a nature journal, and webinars on a variety of topics.

Join us for a [nature program on Zoom](#). A variety of interesting topics are scheduled through August including programs about moths, nature photography, and butterflies. Programs are free but you must pre-register.

Help us care for our trails by participating in our [Run for the Woods](#) virtual 5K fundraising trail race, or support our [Annual Fund](#).

Participate in the **Wissahickon Photo Contest!**
<https://wissahickontrails.org/events/wissahickon-photo-contest>

Post a photo on your social media account that you've taken on the Green Ribbon Trail or one of our preserves. Tell everyone what you like most about Wissahickon Trails and/or volunteering with us. Be sure to use #WissahickonTrails when you post!