

## WHY BE A TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER

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The work completed provides a definite sense of accomplishment, a sense of shared camaraderie, and a sense of pride in contributing to the care and preservation of this beautiful **WASKAHEGAN TRAIL** both for today and for the future.

The slower pace of maintenance work allows a more intimate exposure to trail sections, increased chance to see wildlife, and greater chance to notice the multiple varieties of fauna and geological formations.

The smaller size of maintenance groups allows more conversation, shared observation, humor, getting to know your teammates.

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# WELCOME TO WASKAHEGAN TRAIL MAINTENANCE

As a volunteer here are some facts you will want to have.

The Waskahegan Trail is approximately 309 Kms long, much of it thru privately owned land. It winds thru bush and open fields and pastures. Winter & summer storms, as well as beaver activity, cause deadfall and trail obstructions which need to be cleared annually. Spring and summer growth result in overgrown trail paths which need to be clipped back. Boardwalks, wooden bridges and fence stiles require annual care.



Bridge Repair



Stile Building  
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Equipment used:

Hammers,  
nails, signage  
Clippers  
Mowers  
Chainsaws



Training on safety and the use of equipment is available by experienced leaders.

Supervision on maintenance work is provided.

Skills and personal choice are matched to functions.

**THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE** is based on the published Public Hike Schedule (see Website, newsletter). Crew leaders aim to do necessary maintenance on the section of trail three weeks before the scheduled hike. As well, trail sections requiring urgent maintenance can be scheduled for work even when no hike is planned. Some weekday work is also scheduled.

## A TYPICAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE CREW

consists of a Crew Leader and up to 8 crew volunteers (depending on amount and type of work to be completed).

## A TYPICAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY

looks like this:

Leader meets with crew at specified point and time (usually 8:30-9:00 am) for car pool to trail sections. If you use your car, you are reimbursed for mileage.

Equipment is unloaded and assigned to specific volunteers, maps and instructions are dispersed, crews start work.

Lunch breaks are flexible, but generally occur around noon.

Afternoon work can continue up to 3:00 pm, but may end earlier if work is completed or weather conditions dictate.

Crews then return to meeting point, and go for coffee and re-hash of day's activities and adventures.