

# Volunteer Role Open: Grand Calumet Preserve



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**Time Commitment:** About 2 hours monthly

**Day of Week:** Any, you choose day of visit

**Location:** Grand Calumet Nature Preserve,  
5501 Kennedy Ave, Hamond, IN 46323

The Nature Conservancy in Indiana is looking for a dedicated volunteer to be the eyes and ears of our **Grand Calumet Nature Preserve** in Hammond, IN.

This 54-acre preserve is part of the Grand Calumet River Conservation Area, a patchwork of restored sites along the river that protect the **globally rare dune and swale ecosystem**. The preserve features wildflowers such as blue lupines, gentians, and blazing stars in addition to a vast array of waterfowl and shorebirds, some of which are quite rare.

As a preserve monitor, you will assist our stewardship staff between their regular visits. Your work and observations will help Grand Calumet Nature Preserve be welcoming and well-maintained for other visitors to enjoy!

## Duties may include:

- Walking the trail at least once a month to observe the condition of the trail, parking areas, gates, signs, and boundaries.
- Picking up and disposing of trash and litter found on the trail and on roadsides (not along river's edge).
- Checking and restocking informational brochures at the trailhead.
- Taking photos of issues that may need to be addressed by staff.
- Cutting back branches or plants that have grown over the trail using pruners or loppers (no chainsaws).
- Moving small branches and debris off trails.
- Monitoring preserve for illegal ATV use or evidence such as tire tracks.
- Reporting findings to Conservancy staff after each visit. Staff will develop a plan to address any issues.
- Tracking your time and tasks so your efforts can be included in our annual volunteer reports.
- May also assist Conservancy staff with other trail maintenance and stewardship tasks as needed.

If you are interested in contributing your time and skills, please contact Esmé Barniskis at [esme.barniskis@tnc.org](mailto:esme.barniskis@tnc.org).



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