



Volunteer Division

December 2025

The Commission's interest in adopting a park is greatly appreciated. The recommended process is for the Commission to adopt a park and conduct an organized, monthly group cleanup or Commissioners can volunteer monthly at their leisure. For example, one commissioner might volunteer for 30 minutes one day while another one volunteers for 30 minutes another day.

Adopt-a-Park Requirements

- 1) Volunteer at least 2 hours a month either as an organized event or individually at your leisure.
- 2) Parks provides tools such as weed eaters, loppers, shovels, and rakes. We also provide litter grabbers and trash bags.
- 3) Volunteers receive a free pavilion rental per calendar year.
- 4) Volunteers receive a sign with their name on it.
- 5) Hours are turned in by the end of each month.

Park Adoption Recommendations

- 1) Kanis Park
- 2) War Memorial Park

Volunteer Opportunities

1) Volunteer Park Ranger (VPR)

VPR's are ambassadors, stewards and protectors of our park system. They officially represent the city, beautify our parks and are extended eyes and ears for the LRPD and Parks. Uniforms and training are free and VPR's are expected to volunteer for 16 hrs./month.

2) Adopt-A-Park, Trail or Flowerbed

We have over 50 open spaced parks, over 20 miles of soft surface trails and ~30 flowerbeds. Adopters spend at least 2 hrs./month in their adopted area. Tools can be checked out and trash bags, flowers, mulch and soil are free. Adopters receive a sign with their name/org. on it and one free pavilion rental per calendar year.

3) Park or Trail Clean-up

An org/individual/family can schedule a clean-up by contacting Karen at ksykes@littlerock.gov. We ask that all vols schedule with us to ensure that the park is not already under a contract.

- 4) Jim Daily Aquatic and Fitness Center
We need volunteer fitness instructors to expand our programming.
- 5) Rebsamen and First Tee Golf Courses
Vols marshal, clean golf carts, pick up balls, etc.
- 6) Community Centers
Vols are needed to coach various sports programs and help with special events.
- 7) Eagle Scout Projects
We have various projects that Eagle Scouts can work towards.
- 8) Marathon
Vols are needed to help with their races throughout the year.
- 9) #LRParksPushyPlants
Parks has committed to removing 10%/year of our invasive species. We need help mapping them using iNaturalist and removing them/cutting them back.

Sign up at www.littlerock.gov/volunteer.

Any volunteer opportunity working with a vulnerable population (children, senior citizens, etc.) must pass a background check. Parks pays for it.

Questions?

To volunteer at a brick and mortar, contact that facility directly.

To volunteer for the adoption programs, #LRParksPushyPlants, Eagle Scouts, clean-ups or VPR, contact ksykes@littlerock.gov.

For Marathon, contact glamm@littlerock.gov.