



Volunteer Division

April 2025

National Volunteer Week (NVW) – April 20, 2025

#LRStrong: ReLEAF Rock Creek Trail – April 12, 2025

Impact the Rock: A Day of Unity and Service – April 26, 2025

Impact the Rock is the City's annual Spring Day of Service. We offer 3 ways to participate. 1) Join one of our special curated beautification projects; we host a project in every ward. 2) We ask our adopters to work in their adopted area any time during NVW . 3) Residents can create their own project and submit their hours to the Volunteer Coordinator. Normally, we kick off NVW with *Impact the Rock* but NVW is on Easter this year. So, we are ending the week with it. All projects starts at 9 a.m. except for the Zoo's projects.

Parks Projects:

Ward 2 - Benny Craig/Fourche Creek

Ward 4 - Reservoir Park – Kick off; Planting trees; Lunch served

Ward 5 – Rock Creek Trail

#LRStrong: ReLEAF Rock Creek Trail is April 12th at 9 am. The non-profit KKAC has received a grant for 1000's of trees, and we are planting 10,000 Oak saplings in RCT to replant what the 2023 tornado destroyed.

Currently, we have 18 parks, 11 flowerbeds and 6 trails adopted. We also have 18 Volunteer Park Rangers.

We have started a new volunteer recruitment campaign called “Be a Parks Hero.”

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 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.