



## Volunteer Division

October 2025

Thank you to our chair, Ben France, along with the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Dir. Joan Adcock for their support at Hindman Park on National Public Lands Day. Also a big thank you to our staff in Operations, Outdoor Recreation and Marketing who helped prepare for the day. Thank you to Starbucks too for donating coffee.

We had about 35 volunteers. They painted the benches, bleachers and basketball goal posts. The baseball field fence is now clear of trees and other vegetation and can be repaired by staff. They also weeded around the baseball field and the entire disc golf course. A lot of downed limbs were picked up and piled up at the curb along with trash bags.

The volunteers were so proud and happy with their accomplishments and ecstatic when Taziki's showed up. New friendships were forged; we strengthened community that day!

Dir. Adcock said that the park hasn't looked that good in years.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ksykes@littlerock.gov).

For Marathon, contact [glamm@littlerock.gov](mailto:glamm@littlerock.gov).