



## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Trail Maintenance Volunteer**

As a Trail Maintenance Volunteer, your role is to help ensure TTLT trails are maintained in great condition to ensure safety and a positive visitor experience for trail users.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Visiting trails on a monthly basis, walking the length of the trail, and recording any issues such as hazard trees, fallen trees over the trail, garbage/litter, vandalism, or other issues.
- Using hand tools such as a handsaw, loppers, or shears to clear small branches from the trail and cut overhanging vegetation.
- Picking up litter if you observe it on the trails.
- If you have a truck/van or other suitable vehicle and are able to transport a mower, mowing trails that go through grassy areas.
- If you have completed a chainsaw safety training course, using a chainsaw to clear larger branches and trees that have fallen over the trail.

#### **Time Commitment**

We request that you commit to visiting at least one trail on a monthly basis with at least a six month commitment. A trail visit would usually take between one to three hours depending on the length of the trail and how much clean up is required.

#### **Training**

No prior training is required for this role, but we encourage you to attend a TTLT Stewardship Volunteer Orientation event (posted at [www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/events\\_calendar](http://www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/events_calendar)).

Training will be provided on how to monitor trails, how to work safely outdoors, how to use hand tools for trail maintenance, and how to operate our mower.

If you are interested in using a chainsaw to clear trails, you must have completed a chainsaw safety training course and provide a certificate. TTLT may be able to organize a group training course periodically for those who would like to receive training.

#### **Skills and Experience**

- Comfortable being outside under various conditions for 1-3 hours.
- Able to perform physical work involving bending or stooping, walking up to 5km over uneven ground, using hand tools.

**Other requirements**

TTLT is able to provide all the required equipment for this role. Volunteers will need to pick-up and drop-off of equipment either at the TTLT office or with other volunteers (TTLT will help facilitate).

Most of our nature reserves are remote and not accessible by public transport. Access to your own transportation would be an asset. If you do not have access to transportation, please still get in touch as we may be able to pair you with another volunteer.

**To Apply**

Please fill out the volunteer application form and indicate “Stewardship volunteering” as an area of interest.