Volunteers are essential to the success of the Audubon Center at Bent of the River.

Whatever your interests or skills, you can help! Every volunteer is important and very much appreciated!

If you would like to get involved, please visit our website, call or email us.

We look forward to meeting you!

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**Volunteer Activities at the Bent..**

**HABITAT MANAGEMENT**

**Invasive Plant Strike Team:**
Help control the spreading of non-native, plant species at BOTR. This team’s effort enriches the biodiversity around the Bent by monitoring and removing invasive plants. We will teach you to identify the plants and how to effectively dispose of the plants to prevent further spreading. Please call to find out about our next Invasive Plant Strike Team project!

**Habitat Management Crew***:
Assist the Land Manager with wildlife enhancement projects. Be prepared to use a chain saw, log-splitter and possibly drive a tractor. Will train!

*Participants for this team should be 18 years or older & have a valid driver’s license.

**EDUCATION**

**Teacher Naturalist:**
Effective communicators with enthusiasm and knowledge about the natural world are assets to our education team. Teacher Naturalists at Bent of the River work with school groups and other organizations to conduct programs and guide young people around our trails. Come and help connect children with nature.

**CREATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Creative Hands:**
Photographers, artisans, graphic designers or individuals with a knack for creative projects are always welcome! You can help us with projects such as: creating displays, developing educational materials, writing for our newsletter & website and much more.

**Office Aide:**
General office assistance ranging from word processing to copying and filing are ongoing tasks. Helping to keep our kiosk and barn stocked with wildlife checklists and current information is another example of some activities for the indoor volunteer.

**EVENTS COMMITTEES**

Enjoy party planning? Come help us organize the annual events & programs hosted by the Bent of the River.

“I love volunteering at the Bent! Spending my free time and helping out where I can marvel at the awe inspiring natural world is an amazing opportunity!” - Sue Ruscitto

**FACILITY MAINTENANCE**

**Gardening:**
Do you have a green thumb? Perhaps you want to learn more about sustainable gardening. Our many gardens are always in need of loving care.

**Grounds keeping***:
Every season our Caretaker has an ever-growing list of tasks to keep the historic grounds visitor friendly. Activities ranging from mowing to carpentry and plumbing are some of the regular needs of the Bent of the River.