



Ventana Wilderness Alliance

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Requirements and Duties

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Volunteer Wilderness Ranger (VWR). The nonprofit Ventana Wilderness Alliance conducts this program in partnership with USDA Forest Service (USFS).

If you are selected to join the program, there will be a one-year probationary period. During this time a mentor will be assigned to you and you will be trained how to interact with Wilderness visitors. You also will be trained how to complete the specific VWR duties listed below.

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Trainee Requirements

- Understand this is a volunteer position in a volunteer-led program.
- Participate in an interview with the VWR leadership.
- Pass a one-year probationary period before a uniform is issued.
- Be a Ventana Wilderness Alliance member.
- Pass a pack test (complete a two-mile walk in steep terrain with a 20-pound pack in one hour).
- Be able to follow USFS radio communications protocols and use radio functions.
- Participate in 8 all-day outings (within first 12 months)
- Secure a first aid certification (a minimum of Wilderness First Aid) when the above requirements have been completed.

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Duties

- Public contacts
- Trash removal
- Trail repair and brushing
- Wilderness toilet maintenance
- Fire ring maintenance and removal
- Record keeping and reporting
- Report work needed and unsafe conditions to the Forest Service and Lead VWR.
- Care for and return USFS/VWA equipment at end of VWR commitment.

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