



Parks and Forests Ambassador

BHPFA is an official non-profit partner of Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Black Hills National Forest, Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands and the National Grasslands Visitor Center. We operate 16 retail stores for these seven agencies, and a portion of store proceeds is provided to our partners for educational materials and programs.

As federal funding shortfalls, Black Hills Parks and Forest Association has another opportunity to support our partners by providing volunteer programs such as the Parks and Forests Ambassador program. Our public land partners do not have the capacity to provide educational and welcome services beyond their current duties. With limited resources, the amount of responsible land use education being promoted is minimal.

The volunteer-led Parks and Forests Ambassador Program benefits users and local communities by:

- Building awareness around responsible recreation on public lands
- Creating a deeper connection to nature
- Increasing community engagement and stewardship of our public lands
- Providing education through sharing knowledge about cultural and natural history
- Creating a safe and welcoming environment at trailheads and points of interest

Parks and Forests Ambassadors will:

- Serve as a friendly, informative welcome committee at selected locations including points of interest and popular trailheads
- Provide information that helps build awareness around responsible public land use, Parks and Forests recreation rules, and the importance of wildlife habitat.
- Provide useful information about trail access, trail routes, and directions and any other questions about visiting area public lands.

To become a Parks and Forests Ambassador it is required to attend the volunteer training and sign a volunteer waiver. To apply visit: www.blackhillsparks.org



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