

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.

Black Hills Parks and Forest Association also supports our partners by providing volunteers through 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—and that's where Parks and Forests Ambassadors come in!

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.



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Current opportunities:

- Wind Cave National Park @ the Hwy 385/Hwy 87 junction. Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from the end of May to September. BHPFA will provide all supplies. A typical volunteer shift is from 10am-1pm. Required volunteer training will be in May, more details coming soon.
- Pactola Visitor Center, Black Hills National Forests. Times and Dates TBD, more details coming soon.

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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