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## **BREAK NECK RIDGE TRAIL STEWARD POSITION DESCRIPTION**

The Break Neck Ridge Trail Stewards will provide information about safe and responsible hiking in the Break Neck area. They provide the public with educational information that will ensure the safe enjoyable use of hiking trails in the area. Trail Stewards will provide outreach and education in reference to the regulations, and traditions of Hudson Highlands State Park.

They work to encourage the best behavior on the part of hikers, to facilitate a positive trail experience (particularly for those who are poorly prepared). They discourage and mitigate misuse of the trails and the surrounding lands by performing educational and public-relations functions.

Stewards are assigned to The Break Neck Ridge Parking area and Break Neck Ridge Trail every Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day. They must be able to work both independently with minimal supervision and cooperatively as a member of a team. Applicants should demonstrate the interest and ability to contribute to the public-service effort of working to promote the responsible use of hiking trails, volunteerism and membership in the Trail Conference. They should possess the required skills listed below and be able to attend required training. Applicants must demonstrate maturity, responsibility, initiative, and self-motivation.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Meet and greet the public and educate them about the best practices of hiking and how to be prepared for their experience.
- Introduce trail users to the Trail Conference and Leave No Trace hiking methods.
- Advise visitors and hikers of state and local regulations.
- Perform trail maintenance and pick up litter on the Trail, at camp/shelter sites, and at Trailhead parking areas.
- Assist visitors and hikers whenever possible; assist emergency-response agencies when requested.
- Report unsafe conditions, misuse, and abuse of the trails (including vandalism, vagrancy, forest fires, beer and liquor parties, suspicious persons, vehicles, *etc.*)

### **Required Skills**

- Commitment to Trail- and resource-protection efforts
- Proven ability to work alone with minimal supervision
- Excellent communication, diplomacy and education skills
- Ability to interact with the public under stressful conditions
- Extensive hiking experience

### **Desired Skills**

- Knowledge of Leave No Trace principles
- Previous trail volunteer experience
- Knowledge of the Trail Conference and hiking in the New York Metropolitan region
- Current first-aid and CPR certification (Wilderness First-Aid certification is preferable)

### **Application**

To apply, please submit all of the following items via email attachments (start all attachment filenames with your last name) to [jobs@nynjtc.org](mailto:jobs@nynjtc.org)

1. Resume
2. A cover letter addressing why you are interested in this position and why we should be interested in you.

All application materials will be kept confidential. The position is available until filled. Candidate interviews will begin immediately. No calls please.