

Deschutes Land Trust Work Party Guidelines during COVID-19

The Land Trust is currently offering a limited number of group volunteer work parties. In order to keep staff and volunteers as safe as possible, we have implemented the following work party guidelines:

Who can volunteer:

- Please only volunteer if you feel comfortable doing so.
- If you do decide to volunteer on our behalf, we ask that you review and adhere to our work party protocol below.

Work Party Protocol:

- *Registration:* All participants must register online before arriving on site to the work party. No walk-on registration will be allowed. Volunteers will sign their work party waiver online.
- *Pre-screening of participants:* All participants will be asked a set of health screening questions when they register for the work party. If participants answer “Yes” to any of the screening questions, they will not be allowed to participate. All participants will receive a reminder 72 hours before the work party asking these screening questions again.
- *Arrival procedure:* All participants will sanitize their hands once they arrive to the work party. The Land Trust will provide hand sanitizer. All participants will receive an orientation to the safety protocols (general and COVID specific) when they arrive at the work party. Participation is dependent upon following these safety guidelines.
- *Face coverings:* All participants must bring and wear a face covering during the work party (as soon as you exit your vehicle). Face coverings must fit tight to the face, be worn over the nose and mouth, and must be secure enough to stay on during vigorous work (ear loops are recommended). Per Oregon Health Authority guidelines, face shields are not recommended. The Land Trust will have extra face coverings for use as needed.
- *Physical distancing:* At the work party we ask that you follow all [state physical distancing guidelines](#). All participants must maintain at least 6 feet of space between individuals at all times. Volunteers will be assigned specific tasks and locations on site to facilitate and maintain safe distances while working.



- *Equipment:* Participants will not be allowed to share tools during work parties. Participants can bring and use their own tools, or borrow tools for the duration of the event. All borrowed tools will be wiped down with disinfectant spray before and after the event. Participants will need to bring their own work gloves.
- *Restrooms:* Restrooms at Preserves are cleaned once a week and may not have supplies. Please plan accordingly and pack out any supplies you pack in.
- *Food and Beverages:* The Land Trust cannot provide snacks or water for work parties. Please bring all of your own supplies—food, water, hand sanitizer—with you. If you are taking a snack break, please ensure you are far enough away from other participants to ensure safe physical distancing.
- *Respect your work party leader:* Please help us keep these events safe for everyone by respecting your work party leader and following all safety guidelines. Help them facilitate a safe event by wearing your face covering and maintaining safe physical distances at all times.
- *Post-event:* If you begin experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days after you attended a Land Trust event, please let us know by calling our office at 541-330-0017.

