

Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area – Volunteer Vacations 2024

May 11th - May 15th
Co Rd 5, McConnelsville, OH 43756



Quick Facts:

- Project Rating: Moderate
- Group Size: 6-20
- Project Type: Day Hiking
- Accommodations: Primitive Tent Sites
- Temperature:
 - Average High: 70°
 - Average Low: 50°



Project Description:

- Support trails and enjoy the outdoors at the newly designated Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area, the largest wildlife area owned by Ohio's Division of Wildlife. Before European settlement, this area was an old growth forest. Today all of the forests are second or third growth timber. Various forms of coal mining, including strip mining, took place on Appalachian Hills throughout the 20th century. As with other strip-mined lands, Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area affords the opportunity to provide habitat for declining grassland nesting species.

Offsite Activity Description:

- The Wilds is located close to the work site. It has horseback riding, ziplines, and tours as part of a safari park. There is also a lodge located there; the host is planning to provide accommodations for the work party group.



Area and Attractions:

- Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area is a popular destination for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other forms of wildlife recreation. Scattered ponds which were created through the reclamation process provide fishing prospects for anglers. The combination of woodland, open areas, and islands of vegetation left undisturbed during the mining process creates transitional zones that provide brushy and reverting fields.

Travel Details:

- John Glenn International Airport is the closest major airport. Airport pick up and drop off is not available for volunteers, however carpooling and rideshare can be arranged upon confirmation of the trip.



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