

Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge— Volunteer Vacations 2024

June 2nd - June 8th

39983 Refuge Rd, Valentine, NE 69201



Quick Facts:

- Project Rating: Moderate
- Group Size: 6-8
- Project Type: Day Hiking
- Accommodations: Cabin
- Temperature:
 - Average High: 69°
 - Average Low: 45°



Project Description:

- Come enjoy the beautiful sandhills of Nebraska on the Niobrara National Scenic River! Home to six different ecosystems converging in this area, Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge is one of the best places to visit in Nebraska. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes as you explore the diverse array of flora and fauna, and don't miss the chance to witness the majestic bison herds that roam freely in this captivating natural haven.
- Volunteers will help with trail maintenance on one of the trails of the Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers will drive / be driven to the trail head from their lodging each morning, and will be required to hike less than a mile to the worksite.

Offsite Activity Description:

- Volunteers will be able to canoe the Niobrara Scenic River and explore the refuge's trails on their day off with equipment provided by the host



Area and Attractions:

- The trail that will be receiving the work has a waterfall and Smith Falls State park also has one of the best waterfalls in Nebraska. The town of Valentine is about 2,500 people with a homemade ice cream shop, a brewery, and some of the best beef in the U.S. Valentine is also part of the cowboy trail - a bike trail that spans over 100 miles on an old railroad, bikes can be rented in town.

Travel Details:

- North Platte-Lee Bird Regional 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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