John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge – Volunteer Vacations 2024





Project Rating: Easy

• Group Size: 8-14

Project Type: Day Hiking

Accommodations: Dormitory

• Temperature:

Average High: 60°

Average Low: 44°



Project Description:

- Support trail access at America's first urban refuge! Join the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Vacation to expand, maintain, and repair trails. Trails will be located along Tinicum Marsh, Pennsylvania's largest remaining freshwater tidal marsh.
- These well-loved trails are utilized by over 260,000 visitors annually and require maintenance that is occasionally above the level of care that refuge staff can maintain. Volunteers will be tasked with expanding/widening trails, trimming back growth on trails, removing invasive species, and stabilizing and repairing the trail by filling in holes or gaps.

Offsite Activity Description:

• The activity can be flexible depending on the group's needs and interests. The refuge and surrounding Philadelphia metropolitan area have a diverse range of activities.



Area and Attractions:

• Celebrated as America's First Urban Refuge, John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum was established in 1972. The refuge is a treasured 1,000-acre green space nestled within the city of Philadelphia, teeming with a rich diversity of fish, wildlife, and plants native to the Delaware Estuary. The refuge supports a diversity of habitats, including freshwater tidal marsh, open waters, mudflats, and woodlands that the hundreds of species call home.

Travel Details:

• Philadelphia International Airport is the closest major airport. Airport pick up and drop off is available for volunteers and will be arranged upon confirmation of the trip.



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