



Be a Bog Host at Quincy Bog!

Do you like connecting with Nature? Would you like to help other people connect with Nature? If you answered “yes,” you might enjoy serving as a Bog Host at the Quincy Bog Natural Area in Rumney.

What is a Bog Host?

- Bog Hosts are volunteers who staff the Quincy Bog Nature Center, primarily from June to Labor Day. Some Hosts also serve during the spring and fall.
- Bog Hosts serve as the “face” of the Bog and open the Nature Center to the public during their shifts. It’s a great way to spend time enjoying nature and helping introduce others to the natural world.

What do Bog Hosts do?

- Staff the Nature Center and oversee the area around the building
- Walk the trail during part of their time at the Bog
- Welcome visitors and answer any questions they might have
- Let visitors know about Wednesday evening program and weekend nature walks
- Offer interpretative materials (trail guides, checklists and library books)
- Distribute Jr. Naturalist activity books, explain the program to prospective QB Jr. Naturalists and their mentors, and award badges to children who complete the program

What training do Bog Hosts receive?

- Attend an Orientation Program in May to review Bog Host responsibilities and discuss aspects of volunteering at the Bog
- Participate in a Wrap-up Session in September to talk about the program and discuss their experiences, questions and suggestions
- Interact with Bog Host Coordinator Mimi Chandler, who oversees the Bog Host Program and supports the volunteers
- Hosts are invited to attend evening presentations and nature walks that offer information about the natural history of the Bog. You don’t have to be an “expert” to serve as a Bog Host; learning about the Bog and the flora and fauna found there is part of the fun!

How much time does a Bog Host commit to the Bog?

- Hosts sign up for a weekly morning or afternoon shift; hours are flexible. Most Hosts come from 9AM to noon or noon to 3PM, but earlier or later times are an option.
- If you’re not able to commit to a regular shift, consider becoming a substitute host to fill in when our regular hosts are unavailable.

To find out more about serving as a Bog Host, please contact Bog Host Coordinator Mimi Chandler at boghosts@quincybog.org.