

IROQUOIA TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Job Description: Trail Monitor

The volunteer Trail Monitor is an extra pair of eyes on the trail. The role is necessary to help discover and report problems along the footpath such as overgrowth, erosion, wet areas, damaged blazes, vandalism, graffiti, garbage dumping, tree falls, hazard trees, and broken structures, such as steps, bridges, boardwalks, etc.,

1. A trail Monitor is assigned to a specific portion of the trail reporting to the Trail Captain or as a Monitor at Large without a specific area reporting to the zone coordinator.
2. Regular communication by phone or email is an important part of the job. Urgent problems need to be reported as soon as possible. It is important to accurately place the location of the problem using your trail geography and with as much detail as possible.
3. As a monitor, you are expected to walk your section at least once a month, more often if possible. You are requested to keep track of the time spent on your volunteer duties and report hours to your Trail Captain or Zone Coordinator twice a year (April 30, and October 31). As the Bruce Trail is a volunteer-driven organization, our funding efforts often depend on demonstrating how seriously our volunteers take their commitments. Recording hours is important.
4. On the Trail, your personal safety is important and should always be your main concern. If you have questions or concerns please contact your Trail Captain or Zone Coordinator.
5. The Trail Monitor is not required to do any heavy work on the Trail, but you may assist your Trail Captain if you wish. When inspecting your section it may be helpful to bring some short handled pruning shears to cut back any vegetation that may be intruding onto the treadway (5 foot wide by 8 foot high corridor). Garbage bags are useful for picking up light litter along the Trail. Major garbage problems should be reported to the Trail Captain.
6. The BTC is on a campaign to secure the Trail. If you see any land on your section that is up for sale, or any development that may affect the current trail route, please report it to the Trail Captain or Zone Coordinator, so that it can be followed up quickly.
7. Enjoy your role as a volunteer Trail Monitor. You play an important part in maintaining the Bruce Trail for this and future generations.