

How you can help the Illinois Prairie Path:

Opportunities to participate in trail improvement and trail management issues, coordinated by The Illinois Prairie Path not-for-profit corporation (IPPC)

- **Help with monthly workdays.** These are usually held on the third Saturday morning of the month (spring through fall) at a location along the trail to add, improve/maintain or change a trail amenity. For example: painting a water pump, weeding a flower box, etc. No special skills are required - just energy and a community spirit.
- **Help with prairie burns.** Burns are conducted every spring (weather permitting) to prepare the several prairies maintained by the IPPC for their annual growth. Volunteers are needed to help rake and prepare the prairies for the burn.
- **Be an Annual Earth Day Cleanup Coordinator and/or volunteer.** Each spring approximately one thousand volunteers pick up refuse on 61 miles of the Illinois Prairie Path, Great Western Trail and the many nearby paths. Many more volunteers are needed. Year-round support is needed for volunteers to help maintain a section of the trail.
- **Refill Map Boxes.** Just volunteer to watch over a map box and refill the free maps (we provide) as needed.
- **Be a Trash monitor.** Watch a trash can to check if it is being maintained by the contracted service provider (currently Waste Management). Call Waste Management if they fail to maintain the containers as scheduled.

To help with any of the above tasks, send an email to FrndsGrtWstnTrl@aol.com

- **Be a low impact trail user.** Pack in and pack out any lunch bags, drink containers, etc. that you bring along when using the trails. A portion of your dues are used to pay for and maintain 16 trash containers (and one Port-o-let at Army Trail Road) along the trail.
- **Report illegal dumping** on the trails in DuPage County to the Div. of Transportation, 630-407-6883. In Kane County call their Forest Preserve Dept. at 630-232-5980. In Cook County call the respective Village Hall where the dumping occurred (Berkeley, Hillside, or Maywood).
- **Buy a shirt, map, guide, patch, sticker** or a gift membership from the IPPC website at www.ippc.org or order by mail.
- **Keep up on news** and issues about The Illinois Prairie Path by going to our website at www.ippc.org
- **Become a member** or renew and help **build membership** of The IPPC by **spreading the word** of the "good work" of The IPPC to your neighbors, friends and relatives.


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All contributions are tax deductible

**Litter along the 61-mile IPP is picked up solely by volunteers.
 Your cooperation in removing your lunch wrappers and drink bottles is appreciated!
 For more information, check the IPPC website at www.ippc.org**