

PICK UP THE PARKS

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6th annual Pick Up the Parks Event, Day-of Details Document (DoDD)

WHO?

Any individual, club, group, team, class, or family that wants our parks to stay clean and green can participate. Please help spread the word via your organization's Facebook page, Twitter account, newsletter, or website.

WHAT?

Help clean up the parks from the winter accumulation of trash and debris, reduce litter entering our local waterways, and help get the parks looking great for spring and summer. Join us for the Thank You Picnic, too! We will also have some of our event partners setting up interactive, educational tables at the picnic, which is brought to us courtesy of County Executive Maggie Brooks.

Specific jobs include:

- Picking up trash/litter and/or loading up trucks to take trash off-site
- Raking/picking up debris (leaves, sticks, and rocks)
- Additional duties such as sweeping shelter & lodge areas and hard surfaces, and mulching & weeding may be available at some locations

WHEN?

Saturday, April 25th, 2015

- 9am - 12pm, trash & debris cleanup at all Monroe County-managed Parks
- 12 - 2pm, thank-you picnic at Olmsted Lodge in Highland Park
- Events are rain or shine. Unless extreme weather occurs, we will not postpone the events.

WHY?

We all love the parks and local waterways...let's do our part to keep our parks and watersheds clean!

Each registered* volunteer will:

- receive a coupon for a local service (while supplies last) courtesy of Delta Laboratories, Inc.
- receive a ticket for the Thank You Picnic at Highland Park.
- **Each volunteer must submit a completed Volunteer Waiver Form (VWF) or sign one on-site, in order to participate.*



Cascades Recovery Inc.



WHERE?

Join our Site-Hosts at one of the 15 Meet-Up Sites listed below. (Max # of volunteers necessary is noted, so register early!)

- 1) Abraham Lincoln Park- in parking lot on Empire Boulevard, south of Rossman Drive, near Plank Road (max 50)
 - Volunteers arriving at this park will be dispersed between Abraham Lincoln Park, Lucien Morin Park, and Irondequoit Bay Park West.
- 2) Black Creek Park- at Pathfinder Shelter, in park, off Union Street (max 50)
- 3) Churchville Park- at Church Lodge, on Main Street, near Park Road (max 40)
- 4) Durand Eastman Park- at Sunset Shelter, on King's Highway, near Lakeshore Boulevard (Max 50)
 - Volunteers at this park will be dispersed between Durand Eastman Park and Irondequoit Bay Marine Park.
- 5) Ellison Park- at Hazelwood Grove Lodge, in park, off Blossom Road (max 60)
 - Volunteers at this park will be dispersed between Ellison Park and Tryon Park
- 6) Genesee Valley Park- at Roundhouse Shelter, in park, off Elmwood Avenue, east of the Genesee River (max 75)
- 7) Greece Canal Park- at Towpath Shelter, in park, off Elmgrove Road (max 40)
- 8) Highland Park- at Olmsted Lodge, on Reservoir Avenue, near South Avenue (max 40)
- 9) Mendon Ponds Park- at Canfieldwoods Shelter, in park, on Douglas Road (max 60)
 - Volunteers at this park will be dispersed between Mendon Ponds Park and Lehigh Valley Trail
- 10) Northampton Park- at Ski Lodge, on Hubbell Road, off Route 31/Brockport Spencerport Road (max 30)
- 11) Oatka Creek Park- at Oatka Creek Lodge, in park, off Union Street (max 40)
- 12) Ontario Beach Park- at Portside Shelter, in park, of Lake and Beach Avenues (max 40)
- 13) Powder Mills Park- at Rand Lodge, on Park Road, off Route 96 (max 50)
- 14) Seneca Park- at Wegman Lodge, in lower Seneca Park, at the north end of Trout Pond (max 75)
- 15) Webster Park- at Parkview Lodge, on Holt Road, near Lake Road (max 50)
 - Volunteers at this park have the opportunity to be dispersed to Devil's Cove Park- *water-based "canoe crew" only, specific skills, equipment, and arrangements necessary*

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING?

What to bring?

- Your signed Volunteer Waiver Form (VWF). Blank copies can be found at www.monroecounty.gov/parks/pickuptheparks submitted ahead of time, or signed at each park.
 - Minors MUST have the form signed by their parent or guardian.
- Weather-appropriate clothing and footwear (boots, hat, and dress in layers).
- Your favorite pair of work gloves (we do provide a small supply of size large garden gloves)
- A pick-up-stick, garbage-grabber, or even a pair of old tongs if you choose (these tools will not be provided by the Parks Department).
- A rake or broom to help gather and clean up leaves, sticks, branches, debris, dirt, etc around shelters and lodges.
- Water bottle and/or coffee mug to keep yourself hydrated. Water jugs will be available to refill your bottles.

What's provided?

- Coffee, hot chocolate, water, Timbits, fruit, granola bars, etc. to get you going!
- Black and white garbage bags (recyclable items will be sorted out by Cascades Recovery)
- Instructions and directions for a safe, successful day in the park.
- First-aid kits at each park.
- Bathrooms and/or portapotties at most sites.

OTHER DETAILS

- Trash items should be placed in black bags, while recyclable items should be placed in white bags.
 - Cascades Recovery will provide a "cheat sheet" to identify which items that can definitely be recycled, and those that are definitely not recyclable.
 - Other potentially-recyclable items will still be recovered from black bags during a waste audit.
- Buddy system is strongly encouraged.
- Each park will be divided into sectors and work groups will be assigned to a sector by the Site-Host.
- Additional park beautification tasks may be available should we have a higher-than-expected turn-out, or lower-than-expected trash to pick up (e.g. brush, leaf, or debris clean-up).
 - In this case, a limited number of necessary tools would be provided by the Park Staff. Please feel free to bring your own rake or broom!
 - All leaves, rocks, sticks, etc. should be placed in piles and left in place for the Park Staff, and **not placed in trash bags.**
- Dangerous or sharp materials, or heavy items, can be left in place and reported to the Site-Host.
 - Park Staff will return to pick up those items.
- Items such as dead animals should always be left in place.
- All trash/bags should be brought to the edge of the closest road or dropped off at the original meet-up spot.
 - Larry the H2O Hero poster boards will be at Meet-up Spots to document the most common trash items.
- By registering and checking in at the event, you are registering as a Monroe County Volunteer and agree to abide by the guidelines of the Volunteer Waiver Form (VWF).
- Please leave your pets at home.

THANKS TO OUR SITE-HOST ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENT PARTNERS

Adirondack Mountain Club

Barton & Loguidice, DPC

Bay Creek Paddling

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Boy Scout Troop 356 (West Irondequoit)

Chef's Catering

Delta Laboratories, Inc.

Environmental Resources Management

Gandhi Earth Keepers International

Genesee Regional Off-road Cyclists

Genesee Valley Chapter Adirondack Mountain Club

Geo-Cachers of the Rochester Area

Girl Scout Troops 60275 & 60978 (Brockport)

H2O Hero and the Water Education Collaborative

Highland Park Conservancy

I.A. Dattbyn Family Farm

Irondequoit Bay Fish & Game Club

Irondequoit Conservation Board

Medved Running & Walking Outfitters

Mendon Foundation

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee

Riga Recreation Department

Rochester Americorps

The Sierra Club

Tim Hortons

Trails ROC

Trout Unlimited

Wegmans

YMCA Camp Arrowhead