



# WHAT TO EXPECT AT A COMMUNITY WORK PARTY

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## Check-In

When you reach the parking area, follow the signs to the bright blue NSEA tent where a staff member will check you in.

Once checked in, you will join a small group at the site. Some sites require a short shuttle ride. The shuttle is wheelchair accessible and seats 13.



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## Meet your small group leader

Your small group leader will show you where to pick up gloves and tools. They will also show you how to complete the restoration tasks using the provided tools.

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## Get to work!

During the work party, NSEA staff will be available to answer any questions you have. Someone usually takes pictures of the event, but feel free to speak to the photographer if this makes you uncomfortable.



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## Wrap-Up

As you prepare to leave, you will bring dirty tools back to where they got them, put your dirty gloves in our glove hamper, and head back to your vehicle. If the site required a shuttle, you can wait by the drop off area for a ride back to parking.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## *What should I wear/bring?*

Work parties are rain or shine, and you most likely will get muddy! Wear layers and shows that you won't mind getting dirty, and dress for the weather. NSEA will provide work gloves and all necessary tools at every events. NSEA also provides restrooms, water, coffee, tea, and light snacks.

## *What if I am late?*

If you are running late, don't worry—our staff waits at the sign-in tent until at least 10 am. If you arrive at the parking location and there is no longer a staff member to check you in, please call Sarah Brown at 903-387-1709.

## *Can I leave early?*

Yes! Let your small group leader know that you need to head out and they will give you instructions on where to drop your tools and gloves. If the site required a shuttle they will alert the driver to pick you up.

## *Are there bathrooms?*

When public restrooms are unavailable at the site, NSEA provides portable toilets. At some sites, these toilets will be a short walk from the restoration work.

## *What accommodations can be made for different abilities?*

NSEA strives to make work parties accessible for as many needs as we can. Restoration sites can vary greatly. Some sites may have hazards including longer walks on uneven or muddy terrain, or steeper, slippery slopes. Because of these variables, there may be some sites more amenable to certain physical capabilities. NSEA can provide different options for Work Party instructions as needed. We understand that some volunteers may be uncomfortable receiving verbal instruction in a large group and would prefer written or visual options. If you would like to receive planting demonstrations or tool safety demonstrations in a written form, please check in with an NSEA staff member at the Work Party and we can provide these materials.

If you have questions or concerns about accessibility, feel free to contact our Stewardship Program Manager, Sarah Brown at [sbrown@n-sea.org](mailto:sbrown@n-sea.org) and we can work with you to find an event that has space for you to work safely.

