



Volunteer Program

The Garry Oak Restoration Program is a public education and restoration program designed to introduce and educate local residents of Saanich about the value of Garry oak ecosystems and ecological restoration. GORP's Volunteer Program serves as the means of achieving the education and restoration goals.

Purpose:

To restore and maintain identified sites of Garry Oak ecosystems to healthy, functioning ecosystems.

Volunteer Activities/ Positions:

Site Stewardship: Volunteers acting as site stewards can be involved in a range of activities from regular site monitoring and reporting, planting native species, invasive plant removal and wildlife enhancement. Active restoration activities are coordinated through the GORP program, but monitoring and reporting can be done on an individual basis.

Photopoint Monitoring: A Photopoint Monitoring system will be set up for each GORP site. This photographic technique is a standardized procedure providing long-term, permanent visual records of site conditions. Volunteers participating in this monitoring program can gain skills and experience in the procedure and/or archiving of the collected photos and data.

Inventory Assistance: Temporary volunteer positions are available this spring to assist with site inventories. Inventories will be conducted for soil, wildlife, historical data, geology and terrain.

Community Education: Volunteers are needed for a range of education opportunities including adult and school tours or orientations, special events and displays, etc...

Website Assistant: Volunteer assistance is needed in the final stages of the website development, then ongoing work to keep the web page current.

Photography: If you are interested in photography, there are many opportunities to take photographs of sites, restoration in progress, events and more. Photographs add to the ability of the program to educate and inspire the public as well as recording restoration processes.

Data Entry: If your interests and time make you a good computer volunteer, there is always work to be done inputting GORP field notes, volunteer information and inventory records.

Historical Research: Ongoing volunteer assistance is need to conduct research in archives, libraries, and the community for historical information about the GORP sites.

Please let us know what your special interests are so that we can provide volunteer opportunities that meet your needs and interests. Thank you very much for your interest in the Garry Oak Restoration Project!