

Friends of Jasper National Park Photo Monitor – Cavell Meadows

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Cavell Meadows Restoration Project.

Please have a look at the Position Description below to get a better idea of what being a Photo Monitor is all about. If you are interested, fill out a volunteer application form to let us know your interests, availability, and contact information. Keep in mind, there are many ways you can assist with the Cavell Meadows Project, from trail work, to trail hosting/surveying, to planning and design. Just ask!

Summary:

- This position is designed to support restoration efforts at Cavell Meadows through photo monitoring (i.e. creating a series of repeat photographs at 28 locations within the restoration site).
- Digital camera, disc, and instructions provided

Duties:

- Using the Friends of JNP digital camera, take photographs at each of 28 photo points along the Cavell Meadows Trail, in the same manner as the original photos were taken.
- Use GPS receiver to find photo points, if necessary.
- Record photos taken on a photo log sheet, and add any relevant comments.
- Work in pairs when possible to make the job easier.
- Answer visitor questions about the project if opportunity arises, and be a positive ambassador for the Friends of Jasper National Park and the Cavell Meadows Project.
- Download images onto computer at the Friends of JNP office

Expected Results:

- A series of repeat photographs that can be used to assess trail and vegetation conditions over time.
- Photos that reveal the project's history and can be used in communication efforts.

Qualifications:

- Familiarity with the trail, an asset
- Attention to detail and good record-taking skills.
- Ability to work independently and with others.
- Ability to work outdoors in potentially adverse weather conditions.
- Good physical condition for walking and hiking.
- Own transportation preferred, but not required.
- Familiarity with digital cameras an asset, but not required
- Ability to encourage a friend to join you!

Training and Support Provided:

- Training on use of Friends' digital camera, and GPS receiver (if needed)
- Instruction package given to each photographer including copies of original images to be repeated
- Introduction to the project, given by the Project Coordinator.
- Friends of JNP 'Volunteer' name tag.
- Support from staff members on hand to respond to questions or concerns.
- Transportation may be available through car-pooling, however, preference may be given to volunteers with their own transportation.

Time Commitment:

- Required: at least 1 full series of photo points (can be completed in 1 or more days, ideally as close together as possible)
- Season: Mid-June to the end of October, with most of the work between mid-July and mid-Sept. (when trail is snow-free).
- Schedule is flexible. However, significant time between photo shoots is necessary (i.e. if someone just finished a set, we won't need another one for at least 2 weeks).
- Driving time will also need to be factored in, at an average of 45 minutes each way.

Success Measures/Feedback/Evaluation:

- The photo monitoring will be a success when there is at least one complete set of photos for each month of the project.
- Photos will be downloaded and checked regularly to see if changes need to be made to protocol.
- Volunteer evaluation to be conducted by staff.
- Volunteer will evaluate position and program during and after the season.

Benefits and Challenges:

- Volunteers are able to actively assist with the restoration of a damaged area of JNP.
- Volunteers are given the opportunity to develop skills with digital cameras and possibly GPS receivers, in a spectacular setting.
- Volunteers are able to relay key messages in an effort to increase the understanding, respect and appreciation of Jasper National Park.

Reporting:

- Photo Monitors report to the Project Coordinator and, in his/her absence, the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Camera and other equipment will be returned to the Friends of JNP office at the end of the shift.

Interested?

Pick up a Volunteer Application Form at the Friends of Jasper National Park, or at one of our special events. Completed forms can be returned by hand, by mail, or by fax to:

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(the pink stone "Nature Calls" building across the street from the Park Information Centre)

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