

Adopt-A-Park & Adopt-A-Trail Program



Safety Guidelines

1. Stay clear of all construction areas.
2. Be aware of loose pets; do not bring unattended pets with you to your work site.
3. Work is to be completed during park/trail hours only (dawn to dusk).
4. Always provide adult supervision for your organization/group.
5. Place all bagged litter/trash at the designated locations to assure pick-up.
6. Use the litter pick-up devices (Easy Reachers) and plastic trash bags properly.
7. Be aware of snakes, bees, wasps, and spiders (bug spray is recommended).
8. Have a first-aid kit available on site in case of an emergency.
9. DO NOT attempt to work in inclement weather.
10. Do not remove hazardous substances. (e.g., car batteries, needles or pesticide containers) Notify DPR if these substances are found.
11. Avoid contact with noxious weeds (poison ivy, sumac) and areas where herbicides have been applied.
12. If you are near a roadside, work facing on-coming traffic. Wear safety vests if possible if working within 10 feet of any roadway.
13. Do not over-exert yourself, especially on hot days. Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated.
14. Do not pick up litter on bridges, overpasses or in tunnels.
15. Cross streets only on cross walks.
16. Wear light colored clothing, appropriate for the task at hand.
17. Wear safety gloves at all times. Work gloves can be provided at your request.
18. Wear a hat.
19. Wear sturdy closed toe shoes or boots with puncture resistant soles.
20. Use a buddy system when possible.
21. Look out for each other.
22. If possible have at least one cell phone on site.
23. Be aware of unusual objects (anything that may expose bloodborne pathogens), and dispose of them with caution (contraceptive, diapers, and feminine hygiene products). Also if any "syringes" are found please contact DPR immediately with the whereabouts of the items and DO NOT attempt to remove.

REMEMBER: Call DPR immediately following a cleanup project at 919-560-4355. Ask for the Volunteer Coordinator and leave me a message with the precise location of where the trash bags are located so I can arrange for timely pick-up and disposal. Thank you for keeping the parks and trails in the City of Durham clean and beautiful.

Questions: Call Durham Parks and Recreation @ 919-560-4355 or in case of an immediate threat or emergency call 911.