

Trail Monitor Volunteer

John Muir Land Trust (JMLT) protects and cares for open space, ranches, farms, parkland, and shoreline in the East Bay. JMLT offers our Trail Monitor Volunteers a self-directed opportunity to access beautiful properties, gain new experiences, and make a difference.

Volunteer Opportunity Overview: As a Trail Monitor Volunteer, you are JMLT's eyes on the land. You hike JMLT properties to report on trail conditions, refill maps and check signage. You may also record wildlife species, photograph nature, and engage with the public while monitoring the trails.

Responsibilities and Duties Include:

- Report downed trees, illegal dumping, or other trail maintenance needs [here](#).
- Describe signage gaps and needs to JMLT staff.
- Refill trail maps.
- Remove non-hazardous trash.
- Hike safely and follow all property rules.
- Maintain an attitude of safety, respect, and courtesy while monitoring.

Optional Responsibilities and Duties:

- Outreach: Answer basic questions about JMLT to guests visiting JMLT properties.
- Wildlife Monitoring: Collect data on plants and animals by recording names and/or photos. We recommend using the [iNaturalist](#) smartphone application.
- Photography: Take landscape, nature and recreation photos and [upload them online](#).
- Maintenance: Assist JMLT staff with approved maintenance solutions.

Qualifications:

- Able to hike outdoors on uneven surfaces and be on your feet.
- Experience hiking and aware of personal limits.
- 18 years of age.
- Good communicator and team player.
- Access to internet and email or phone.

Extra Information

Training: Training onsite provided as needed. Please attend a Volunteer Orientation within a year of beginning the role.

Commitment: Hours determined by volunteer within the property hours from sunrise to sunset.

Staff Contact: Community Programs Manager, Hannah Hodgson, hannah@jmlt.org (925)387-8738.

Location: Contra Costa and Alameda Counties with emphasis in Martinez, CA 94553 (transportation not offered; public transportation may be available).

Compensation: This role is purely voluntary.