



GRAND PRAIRIE FRIENDS

Become a Ridge Rover

What?

Ridge Rovers are Grand Prairie Friends (GPF) volunteers who adopt a trail and/or section of Warbler Ridge Conservation Area (WRCA) and visit regularly to observe and communicate observations back to GPF. Some visits may be on foot and some by car along road boundaries depending on the section.

Who?

Ridge Rovers is open to anyone able to walk a trail or hike cross-country, who enjoys experiencing and observing the natural world, and with enough free time to visit twice a month.

When?

Visit your trail/section at least twice a month (weather permitting). Consider varying the time of day to see how the perspective changes.

Why?

Ridge Rovers provide GPF with additional “eyes and ears” on the 1100-acre WRCA so we can promptly identify and address issues and gather information on wildlife, plants, terrain changes, visitors, etc. You will be provided basic information on WRCA so you are able to answer questions posed by visitors you meet.

How?

Sign up for a trail/section during the Ridge Rover Volunteer Day or email volunteer@grandprairiefriends.org or call Diane Wilhite at 217-359-9441.

Plan your visits as frequently as you like according to your schedule. Send a brief email after your visit to volunteer@grandprairiefriends.org that covers the 4 D's:

- Date
- Duration – length of visit
- Disappointments - issues, vandalism, downed trees, suggestions
- Delights – sightings, interactions, photos encouraged

GPF will respond to your email and provide updates on issues reported. We will also share what your fellow Ridge Rovers are observing. If no email, phone Diane Wilhite at 217-359-9441.

What Else?

If you have the desire to do more than observe, speak up. We can provide supplies, tools, and guidance for independent stewardship.

If you would enjoy getting together or sharing activities with other Ridge Rovers, we can help make that happen.