

# Volunteer

## Role Description

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### **Property Guardians**

Property Guardians are a vital link between land, landowners and the Nature Trust. A Property Guardian monitors one or more of the Nature Trust-protected properties around Nova Scotia, to ensure infringements and natural damage are promptly reported to staff. This important position represents a flexible, seasonal time commitment and can be done in teams or families. A great way to use your time outdoors to benefit conservation efforts!

#### **Role Description**

##### **The volunteer will:**

- Develop a detailed knowledge of the site's features and patterns, so as to notice all signs of activity.
- Conduct and document monitoring of the property.
- Act as ambassador and representative of the Nature Trust while on the property.
- Report all baseline study and/or monitoring results to the Nature Trust staff.

##### **The volunteer may also:**

- Support educational/community activities related to property stewardship.
- Initiate stewardship/education activities on the property in cooperation with the Land Stewardship Coordinator or other NSNT staff.
- Assist with or conduct baseline studies, depending on skills/ training.

#### **Qualifications/ Skills Required**

- Well developed observation skills, and attention to detail.
- Enjoyment and experience of the outdoors.
- Specific skills (GPS, mapping, photography, etc.) are always welcome!
- A knowledge of the Nature Trust's work & of the geographic area where work will be done.
- Self motivation and a willingness to learn.
- Training provided where necessary.

#### **Time Commitment**

Property Guardians enjoy a flexible commitment. At a minimum, we require that each volunteer (or team) conduct one comprehensive monitoring visit per year, and encourage volunteers to visit the property monthly during spring, summer and fall months. A commitment of at least two years is preferable.

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