

Nature Loop Facilitator – Volunteer Role Description

Nature Loop Facilitators serve as friendly, knowledgeable points of contact along CuriOdyssey's Nature Loop trail. Volunteers in this role support visitor engagement by helping guests connect with the natural garden, interpret simple ecological features, and offer guidance along the trail. Facilitators may highlight seasonal changes, wildlife behavior, and nature-based learning opportunities in a casual, visitor-friendly way.

Responsibilities:

- Welcome and engage visitors on the Nature Loop trail and garden
- Encourage respectful observation of wildlife and engagement with the natural garden environment
- Provide basic interpretation of garden features, including native plant species, pollinator-friendly habitats, and seasonal wildlife activity
- Assist with crowd flow and ensure visitors stay on the designated path
- Support safety by monitoring conditions in the garden and reporting any hazards to staff
- Occasionally assist with small nature-based activities or materials at trail pop-up stations

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for nature, science, and engaging with the public
- Comfortable walking and standing outdoors for up to 4 hours
- Friendly, welcoming attitude with good communication skills
- Willingness to learn and share basic information about native flora and fauna
- Must be 16+ years of age

Time Commitment:

- Shifts available on weekends and weekdays, 2-4 hour shifts
- Required commitment: 4 hours/month, for a minimum of 3 months

Training & Supervision:

- Training provided by the Education or Volunteer Engagement team
- Ongoing support and resources provided throughout your service

This role offers a meaningful opportunity to help guests build a deeper appreciation for nature and wildlife, gain hands-on experience in informal science education and visitor engagement, all while enjoying the outdoors and supporting CuriOdyssey's mission to inspire a love for science and the natural world.