



STEEP ROCK ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEERS!

We're
Beyond
grateful
for you!



You plant, weed, build trails, remove invasives, stuff envelopes, staff events, count pollinators, serve on our Board - and so much more. We can't exist without you.

Thank you!



Making a Difference Every Day

We are truly indebted and thankful for the spirit of volunteerism within the Steep Rock community. Last year, **307 volunteers** (enough to stand front to back and stretch the length of an entire football field) **logged over 3,000 hours** (that's equal to 1.5 full time paid staff) for Steep Rock. Our volunteers constructed and monitored trails, cleared debris, built water bars, removed invasives, planted, weeded and delivered organic produce to food banks, led hikes and programs, stuffed envelopes, tabled at events, cooked and served at the annual picnic, counted pollinators, checked nestboxes, surveyed dragonflies, had a ton of fun, and so much more. This

doesn't even include the many hours and vital contributions of our Board and committee members. **SRA volunteers make a tremendous difference!** And we are so grateful for their perspiration, inspiration, and dedication. Ready to try something new or share your talents with Steep Rock? We are hosting our annual volunteer information, recognition, and kickoff event at our Spring Equinox firepit on Tuesday, March 19th (see below). Come join us to protect what you love in Washington and the Litchfield Hills.

See you on our trails...

Brian Hagenbuch, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Big Night is Nearing!

On warm, rainy nights in early spring an amazing annual procession of amphibians gets underway. It's called **Big Night**, when a parade of wood frogs and salamanders journey to vernal pools and wetlands to mate. Amphibians can migrate a quarter mile or more through fragmented spaces and cross dangerous roads to reach their destination. This is a leading cause of amphibian mortalities. We invite you to join with Conservation Partners of the Pomperaug and Steep Rock to take action,

help our amphibians friends, and report sightings. To learn more, visit [Big Night](#).

Speaker Series Focuses on Sustainable and Organic Vegetable Gardening

Join Patrick Horan from [Waldingfield Farm](#) for this inspiring and educational presentation tailored specifically for homeowners looking to cultivate their piece of Earth in a sustainable and eco-friendly manner while controlling the variety and quality of the food they eat. [\[more\]](#)

Summer Internships with Steep Rock Association

Steep Rock Association's paid summer internship program immerses college and high school students in all aspects of our organizational operations. Our interns make a difference in our community, gain real-world skills in land conservation, trail stewardship, and sustainable agriculture, and have fun in the process. Steep Rock's interns offer valuable support that helps our land trust meet important goals. [\[more\]](#)

Steep Rock Camping is Open for Reservations!

Steep Rock Preserve's camping season opens April 18th! We offer tent camping at three different sites located right along the river. We invite you to come experience Steep Rock in a new way. [Reserve online now](#) - weekends fill up fast!

Upcoming Events

Thanks to our donors, we're able to offer all of these events at no cost!

- **March 19 - [Volunteer Opportunities with Steep Rock](#)**
Learn about the variety of ways you can volunteer with Steep Rock, contribute to our efforts, and support the land trust you love.

- **March 19 - [Volunteer Appreciation Firepit Event](#)**
Join us as we celebrate our wonderful volunteers around the firepit!
- **March 28 - [Virtual Speaker Series - Bountiful Backyard Harvests: Mastering Sustainable & Organic Vegetable Gardening](#)**
Discover the secrets of sustainable vegetable gardening in your own backyard.
- **April 7 - [Judea Garden Spring Cleaning](#)** - Help us kick off our 16th by getting the Garden ready for the upcoming season.
- **April 12 - [Timberdoodling - A Family Workshop](#)** - Join us for a fun, family activity at Macricostas Preserve, spending a spring night marveling at the eccentric woodcock (also called the timberdoodle). This workshop is limited to 20 people.
- **April 13 - [Volunteer Trail Manager Training](#)** - Enjoy the outdoors? Have some time to share? Become a volunteer Trail Manager for and help care for some of our nearly 50 miles of hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails.

[Take Our Survey!](#)

Share your insights and be heard! Tell us about your interests, experiences, and aspirations regarding outdoor activities and conservation efforts. Your feedback will help to shape our initiatives moving forward. [\[more\]](#)

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