

How do I get started?

If you have a specific area in mind, let us know. If the area you choose is available for adoption, we will get you set up right away. If you want to know which areas are available, we can help you find one.

Once you have chosen an area, the ACT Program Coordinator will contact you to set a date that is convenient for you to discuss the requirements of trail adoption.

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If you are ready to adopt a trail or need more information, contact:

Adopt-A-Canal Trail Coordinator

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Adopt a Canal Trail

Augusta Canal
National Heritage Area



Be a part of this growing volunteer program that helps monitor, maintain and enhance the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area.



What is the Adopt-a-Canal Trail (ACT) Program?

The Augusta Canal National Heritage Area Adopt-a-Canal Trail Program (ACT) provides opportunities for volunteers to assist Canal staff by monitoring, maintaining and enhancing the canal and trails.

Why should you participate?

ACT provides an opportunity for you to be actively involved in caring for your community. Helping to maintain and enhance existing trails and waterways improves the resources for all to enjoy. Volunteers say they enjoy the satisfaction they gain.

Who can Adopt-a-Canal Trail?

Anyone is welcome to participate: School and youth groups, scout troops, churches, community and service organizations, businesses, families, individuals and groups of individuals may all volunteer to help provide a safer, more enjoyable National Heritage Area.

What do volunteers do?

ACT volunteers assist Augusta Canal National Heritage Area Staff in maintaining the trails and waterways, but they will not be asked to perform tasks they are uncomfortable doing. Activities may include:

- Keeping the trail surfaces free of sticks, rocks, and other debris
- Pruning small limbs along the trail corridor
- Cleaning waterways & drainage ditches
- Litter clean-up
- Inspecting trailhead areas, including parking lots, bulletin boards and trail signs
- Reporting trees across the trail or canal, erosion problems, suspicious or illegal activities, vandalism and safety issues



Adopt-a-Canal Trail Guidelines

A trail or canal segment must be adopted for a period of one year, renewable annually thereafter upon approval by the program coordinator. Volunteers are asked to visit the adopted section at least 4 times a year (approximately once every 3 months).

You choose the days and times that work best for you. You may wish to check with the program coordinator prior to your trip to inquire about activities that may be scheduled in the area. After each visit, send a brief written report to the ACT Program Coordinator, so that we may keep track of your efforts.

The coordinator will provide volunteers with information and instruction on maintaining specific areas to meet management guidelines as well as garbage bags for litter pickup. Volunteers are asked to provide their own trail maintenance tools.

Volunteers should dress appropriately for waterway and trail work and use gloves, safety glasses and other protective gear when necessary. All work must take place during daylight hours and be performed with safety in mind. Volunteers are not permitted to use chainsaws or have motorized equipment in the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area. No work shall be done that is not previously agreed upon with the ACT Program Coordinator and all volunteers must sign a liability waiver.