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National Public Lands Day, NPLD, is the largest volunteer event that benefits America's public lands. NPLD is held on a Saturday in late September when thousands of Americans volunteer to improve and enhance our nation's parks and other public lands.

The first NPLD took place in 1994 with three work sites and 400 volunteers. The event has grown every year so that in 2008, 120,000 volunteers worked to improve over 1,800 sites in every state of the nation.

This will be the first year the **Portage Park District** has taken part in this nationwide service day!

## When is NPLD?

National Public Lands Day 2009 will take place on September 26, 2009.

## What can I do on NPLD?

You can do plenty! Projects at the sites include pulling invasive plants, picking up litter, tree/shrub pruning along trails, and wooden fence repair.

Whether you work for two hours or all day long, you will

- Develop a sense of conservation stewardship and nature appreciation
- Experience the pleasure of serving the community
- Have fun outdoors
- Learn about the natural world

## Register for a location in the Portage Park District

Register on [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org) or call the Portage Park District 330.297.7728, email [sblair@portageparkdistrict.org](mailto:sblair@portageparkdistrict.org) or visit [www.portageparkdistrict.org](http://www.portageparkdistrict.org)

## What locations will have volunteer work crews?

**Towner's Woods** Comprised of 175 acres of forest, wetlands, and meadows in Franklin Township, the park is the site of a 2000 year-old Hopewell Indian mound that overlooks Lake Pippen. In addition, Towner's Woods boasts what many regard as one of the best cross-country skiing trails in Northeast Ohio and is adjacent to the PORTAGE Hike and Bike Trail. 2296 Ravenna Rd. Franklin Township.

**Seneca Ponds Park** This 48-acre property was acquired through a partnership with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy who received it through a donation. It is an oasis of woods, wetlands and wildlife of the Tinker's Creek watershed nestled among industrial facilities and the turnpike off of Mondial Parkway in Streetsboro. More than a mile of hiking trails have been created for your enjoyment! 515 Mondial Parkway, Streetsboro.

## Plan ahead

Decide on the number of hours you/your group will work (morning, afternoon, all day). Work with the Portage Park District to divide up work projects and duties. Be prepared! Create a checklist of all the things you will need. Consider bringing snacks, water bottles, sun block, sunglasses, wide-brimmed hats, hiking boots or other sturdy shoes, work gloves and of course, a camera!

## Get ready!

Are tools, materials, equipment or preliminary work needed? Determine where you can get food and necessary materials. If appropriate, ask for donations from the community.



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