

Stewarding our parks can be as easy as PIE!

The City of Calgary Parks is looking for outgoing, park-loving volunteers who are passionate about nature and love to tell a good story. Parks Interpretive Experience (PIE) is a pilot program, now recruiting volunteers for Nose Hill Park. PIE volunteers help visitors become aware of the plants and animals that call this place home through stories, hands-on artefacts, and short interpretive activities.

Volunteers receive training in customer service, environmental topics, and interpretation skills; and then commit 12 hours of park time per month from June to October.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please attend one of our community information sessions or email parksvolunteers@calgary.ca for more information.

Volunteer Interpreter for Parks

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Position description:

Interpreters use stories, artefacts and short demonstrations to spark curiosity, deliver important management messages, and create a memorable visitor experience. Interpreters answer questions about resident plants and animals, as well as the cultural history of the area, and can direct visitors to other park resources and information.

Responsibilities include:

- Deliver brief, informative, and interactive interpretive activities to visitors.
- Answer visitor questions.
- Direct visitors to further resources.
- Promote upcoming Parks programming.
- Complete shift reports.
- Schedule and report volunteer hours.

Work location: [Nose Hill Park](#)

Required skills:

Strong communication skills

- Comfortable speaking with the public
- Ability to focus communication around key messages
- Ability to interact with a wide age range and modify information and presentation style to suit visitor needs

Interest in natural and cultural history, desire to increase knowledge

- Specific knowledge of local plants and animals, ecological and biological concepts, geography, and local cultural history are not required, but would be beneficial
- Ability to review training resources and background information
- Ability to meet the physical demands of the position.
- Walking on uneven trails
- Carrying program backpack or pulling program cart
- Staying outside for 3+ hours

Must be 18 years of age or older

Training:

- Attend a two hour Parks Volunteer intake and orientation session
- Attend a three hour Volunteer Interpreter session
- Complete at least three of six Interpretive Topic training modules
- May be offered in-person or self-directed
- Opportunities for additional training may be offered throughout the year

Time commitment: 12 hours per month, June to October

Benefits:

- Interpretation and education training.
- Natural history.
- Cultural history.
- Meet other volunteers with similar interests.
- Represent the City while interacting and sharing the park with visitors.
- Foster environmental stewardship, attitudes and behaviours in others.

How to apply:

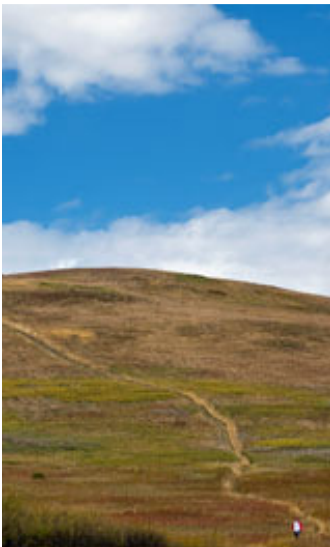
Call 3-1-1 or [apply online](#).

Parks Interpretive Experience volunteer program

Now recruiting volunteer interpreters for Nose Hill Park

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What is the Park Interpretive Experience?



Nose Hill Park

The Parks Interpretive Experience (PIE) program places volunteer interpreters in our city parks to engage park users in activities and conversations that help illustrate and interpret these special landscapes.

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The PIE Program is being piloted in Nose Hill Park in the summer of 2013, with plans to roll-out the program in our large regional and natural environment parks in the future

How can I get involved?

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If you are interested in volunteering or want to learn more about this program, please call 3-1-1, [inquire online](#) or [email us](#) for more information.