**Kettles Trail Volunteer**

**Job Description**

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is building a new hiking trail in the Bow Lakes region of the Park in 2018-2019. The proposed trail will be about 3.5 miles long and will require construction of a driveway and small parking lot. The trail from the parking lot to an overlook on the rim of a geologic kettle will be built to accessibility standards. This section of trail is about 0.25 miles. The rest of the trail will follow old logging roads (dirt 2-tracks) with one section of about 1/3 mile to be built through an area with very steep slopes. This trail will need to be modified from 2-track to single track trail on compacted soil base. Several down trees must be removed, way finding signs and interpretive signs installed. The construction plan also calls for a viewing platform at the edge of a bog.

The duties of the Kettles Trail Volunteer include:

- Work under the supervision of NPS Roads Trails and Grounds Group.
- Physical labor includes digging, raking, hauling soil and gravel with wheelbarrow, compacting soil, building wooden deck, installing signs, etc.

**Required Experience and Ability**

Trail construction or maintenance experience
Ability to perform physical activities and walking several miles per day.

**Required Training**

Provided by Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes and NPS

**Time Commitment**

Based on the project plan for the day – typically 6-hour day