

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