

# Herbert Hoover

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site  
West Branch, Iowa



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## Volunteer job description

**Job or Project Title:** Prairie Restoration  
**Number of volunteers needed:** 50  
**Minimum age:** none (Under 18 requires parental approval)

**Time commitment:** 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on second the to last Saturday in April or the last Saturday in September  
**Supervisor:** Adam Prato

**Benefits to the volunteer:** Work hands-on with natural resources and get involved restoring the 81 acre tallgrass prairie at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. Donated hours may count toward course credit or graduation.

**Goal or outcome of the job:** Continue the restoration of the 81-acre tallgrass prairie.

**Main duties:** Remove invasive weeds such as white sweet clover from the grassland and from recent plantings. Collect and plant native prairie seeds. Volunteers adhere to the park safety program and help provide a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and visitors.

**Qualifications needed:** No previous knowledge, skills, or experience are required. An ability to perform moderately strenuous physical work is required.

**Training or other preparation required to begin:** The supervisor will provide a brief orientation to the National Historic Site and how the project meets its needs. Volunteer will be briefed on how to perform the work safely and with concern for protecting the park's resources. The park will provide work gloves, hand tools, and other supplies or equipment needed for the work. Volunteers must dress for the weather and for moderately strenuous physical work. Sunscreen, sunglasses, hats, water, and appropriate footwear are strongly recommended.

**Other comments:** All work is performed outdoors. The weather may be extremely hot or extremely cold. The prairie is an exposed environment with little shade or shelter from the wind, though shade and shelter can be found nearby. Work involves bending, kneeling, lifting, standing, and walking.