



# Washtenaw County Parks

## **PARKER MILL**

## **DOCENT**

### **VOLUNTEER POSITION**

**Bring an historic, fully functional grist mill to life at the crossroads of Fleming Creek and the Huron River.**

**Make a difference & enrich your life through exceptional experiences—volunteer with Washtenaw County Parks!**

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Passion for local history
- Enjoy interacting with people
- Experience required in teaching, public speaking, or other related activity; oral interpretation experienced preferred.
- Good verbal / storytelling skills

### **SCHEDULE**

- Minimum 6-month commitment (May - October)
- Three days minimum per month, both weekdays and weekends

### **PURPOSE**

As a Parker Mill Docent, you bring local history to life. Work with a team to present the historic Parker Mill, built in 1873, and log cabin. Invite visitors to experience compelling stories of the Parker family and Washtenaw County farming history. See beyond the pioneer dwellings to share untold stories across 10,000 years of human habitation at the site.

### **DUTIES**

#### **Level 1:**

- Work with experienced mill interpreter to host tours, field trips, & special events (Log Cabin Days, harvest festival)
- Review training materials to become familiar with site
- Develop expertise in your preferred subject area related to the historic mill or cabin

#### **Level 2:**

- Co-lead public mill tours with staff
- Opportunity to facilitate special topics, e.g. traditional crafts, foodways, ethnobotany, architecture, etc.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

Approximately 10 hours per month, plus an additional 10-20 hours of initial training

### **BENEFITS**

- Gain experience & receive training from certified interpreters
- Deepen your knowledge of local history
- Build community with others interested in local history
- Recognition and appreciation by staff and volunteers



### **HOW TO APPLY**

Express your interest by e-mail to Shawn Severance, Park Naturalist, at [severances@washtenaw.org](mailto:severances@washtenaw.org). In your message, please briefly explain your interest in volunteering.