Pisgah Project Day 2025 FAQs

Q: What is Pisgah Project Day?

A: Pisgah Project Day (PPD) is a broad-based volunteer workday in the Pisgah Ranger District. We had our first PPD in September 2016, and it was a big success for all who participated – and for Pisgah. This year's PPD will take place on Saturday, April 26th, 2025. The Pisgah Conservancy (TPC) is hosting PPD with our lead partner, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and the support of many local businesses, forest user groups, nonprofit and community organizations, and individuals who are passionate about Pisgah. TPC, the USFS, and participating organizations will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt to show our appreciation for their efforts. When the project work is done, we'll gather at Oskar Blues Brewery for the official after-party.

Q: When and where?

A: All registered volunteers will receive an email on Thursday, April 24th with information about when and where they will meet on the morning of Saturday, April 26th based on their project assignment. Most volunteers will check-in at the Pisgah Ranger Station 8 a.m. and will then walk or carpool to their project site, however, some project sites are further away and the volunteers assigned to those projects will meet elsewhere between 8-9 a.m. Most projects will conclude between 12-1 p.m.

Q: What to bring?

A: A bag lunch, your own reusable water bottle (filled), plus whatever you think is appropriate for working in Pisgah in late April.

Some suggestions:

- Work gloves (we'll have gloves available for those who don't bring their own)
- Work boots or hiking boots
- Long pants and long sleeve shirt
- Layers
- Rain gear
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Hat
- Energy bars and other snacks
- Hand towel
- Extra clothes for the after party
- Toilet paper if you are going to work in a location without facilities

Please remember to Leave No Trace!

Q: How Do I Volunteer?

A: All volunteers must register on TPC's website. Visit the event page for details: https://www.pisgahconservancy.org/pisgah-project-day/. Registration will open on March 19th and will close on April 21st unless we reach maximum capacity before then.

Q: Can someone under 18 participate?

A: Yes, but we must receive a signed consent from their parent or legal guardian. The parental consent form PDF file is linked on the event page. If applicable, please complete the entire form, sign it, scan it, and email it to info@pisgahconservancy.org. If you have any questions, you can email us at that same address.

Q: Who is supporting this event?

A: PPD 2025 is supported by a variety of user/partner groups and a long list of generous sponsors - including the Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority (Lead Sponsor) - who share our dedication to Pisgah. We cannot thank them enough! Visit the event page to see all of our generous PPD 2025 sponsors and partners.

Q: Does a volunteer have to be a member of one of the sponsoring organizations to participate?

A: No, this workday is open to the community. However, all volunteers MUST preregister on our website. Visit the event page for details and to register: https://www.pisgahconservancy.org/pisgah-project-day/.

Q: I'd like to work with a specific, informal group of people. How do I do that?

A: Tell us which group/individuals you want to work with in the "Comments" section of the volunteer registration form, and we'll do our best to assign you to the same project.