

Pisgah Project Day 2026 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 25th, 2026 and the event will be held on the last Saturday in April going forward. The Pisgah Conservancy (TPC) is hosting PPD with our lead partner, the USDA Forest Service, and the support of many local businesses, forest user groups, nonprofit and community organizations, and individuals who are passionate about Pisgah. TPC, the USDA Forest Service, 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 23rd, 2026 with information about when and where they will meet on the morning of Saturday, April 25th, 2026 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: Work boots or sturdy hiking boots, long pants, a long sleeve shirt, layers, a bag lunch, your own reusable water bottle (filled), plus whatever you think is appropriate for working in Pisgah in late April.

Some additional suggestions:

- Work gloves (we'll have gloves available for those who don't bring their own)
- Rain gear
- Sunscreen and 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 Wednesday, March 18th and will close on Monday, April 20th unless we reach maximum capacity before then. Please note that last year we had to close registration two weeks early due to an overwhelming response from the community – so make sure you register as soon as possible!

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 2026 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 2026 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 pre-register 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: There are two questions about this on the volunteer registration form. One is an opportunity to tell us if you want to work with a specific partner group or business, and the other is an opportunity to provide us with the names (please include first AND last names) of any individuals you want to work with, e.g. your family members or friends. Please respond to one or both of these questions if applicable and we'll do our best to assign you to the same project.

Q: What will happen if there's rain forecasted on the day of the event?

A: If there's light rain forecasted, we'll proceed with the workday as planned and will consider a delayed start if needed. If there are storms forecasted that cause safety concerns (thunder, lightning, etc.), we will cancel the event. We have been fortunate to have good weather for past PPDs, but weather is always a consideration when we are

working in the forest in late April. All event-related updates, including any weather updates, will be sent from TPC directly to registered volunteers.