

Palisades Interstate Park League of Naturalists (PIPLON)

Trailside Museums & Zoo

Please complete this form and submit to: Trailside Museums & Zoo, ATTN: PIPLON, Bear Mountain State Park, P. O. Box 427, Bear Mountain, NY 10911-0427 or email to edwin.mcgowan@parks.ny.gov

We will be in touch with you. All PIPLON members are required to complete a PIPLON permit and NYS Parks Volunteer Service Agreement every calendar year. For anyone under 18, a parent or guardian needs to sign.

PIPLON Naturalists are vital to study and protection of flora and fauna and ecological communities in the NYS Parks of the Palisades Regions. PIPLON members conduct research under the direction of Edwin McGowan, Director of Science and Trailside Museums & Zoo. PIPLON members give generously of their time, expertise and commitment. PIPLON members contribute to individual research projects and citizen science programs, including winter and summer wildlife/bird surveys, bald eagle winter roost survey, fall hawk migration watch, etc. They gain satisfaction in contributing to important ecological research informing natural resource management programs.

In late fall, early winter, we email or mail the PIPLON permit and Volunteer Service Agreement to all PIPLON members. Please complete these forms promptly and return by mail or email. The approved permit is REQUIRED for each year. You may not conduct fieldwork until we have received and sent you the approved permit. Along with your approved permit, you will receive a Parking Permit for the calendar year. You must display the PIPLON Permit and Parking Permit on your dashboard whenever you are doing PIPLON work. Do NOT use the previous year's Parking Permit. You may be ticketed by the police and will be responsible for paying the fine.

Each year, PIPLON holds a Lyceum on several Sunday afternoons from late January to early March. It kicks off with a potluck and naturalist challenge. Scientists and league naturalists present on their research.

*DATE:			
*NAME:		HOME PHONE:	
*ADDRESS:		*CELL PHONE:	
*CITY, STATE, ZIP		<u>Please do check your emails.</u> It is the most convenient way for us to communicate with volunteers.	
*EMAIL Write carefully.			

*Required. If you don't have a cell phone, please include home phone.

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS IN THE ECOLOGY OF THE PALISADES REGION?
WHAT NATURALIST SKILLS DO YOU HAVE?
WHAT RESEARCH SKILLS DO YOU HAVE?
WHAT WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE?

Trailside will provide documentation of volunteer service and other paperwork as appropriate for retirees, students, etc.

If you reside in Rockland County and are retired, you might explore joining the Rockland County Retired Volunteer Program. You may be eligible for getting compensation for your volunteer mileage. To learn more, visit <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/aging/volunteer-opportunities/> or call 845-364-2120.