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**VOLUNTEERS TO LEND A HAND  
TO AMERICA'S LANDS  
ON NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

WEST BRANCH, IOWA—A record number of Americans are expected to provide “Helping Hands for America’s Lands” Saturday, September 20 as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD). Nearly 80,000 volunteers will be at 500 sites, reaffirming NPLD’s distinction as the largest annual hands-on event of its kind in the US.

This September, volunteers will focus on improving and preserving our country’s habitats – the forests, mountains, prairies, rivers, wetlands and urban places that are home to a rich diversity of animals, plants, and birds. Across the United States, Volunteers will build bird-nesting boxes, plant trees, sow seeds, clean up streams and waterways, and clear weeds and overgrown brush. In addition, they’ll install signs, improve trails and campgrounds, and build facilities that enhance the visitor experience. Visit [www.npld.com](http://www.npld.com) for additional information.

Two locations in the Iowa City area will be participating in National Public Lands Day.

- At Herbert Hoover National Historic Site volunteers will work with staff from the National Park Service to collect seeds in the 76-acre tallgrass prairie. The work day begins with registration at 12:30 pm. and concludes at 4:00 pm. Volunteers can pre-register by calling Daniel Peterson at 319-643-2541 or by email at [heho\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:heho_interpretation@nps.gov) by noon on September 19. Walk-ins are welcome. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site is located off of I-80 at exit 254.
- At Coralville Lake volunteers will work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area mountain bike trail. The day will consist of an 8:30 a.m. meeting at the mountain bike trailhead parking lot followed by repair work throughout the trail system. A lunch at 1:30 p.m. of BBQ sandwiches and beverages will be provided for trail workers. A group fun ride will conclude the day. For more information contact Jeffrey Peck at 319-338-3543 ext. 6310.