

Cope Environmental Center

...is a non-profit, 102 acre environmental education center located in Centerville, Indiana.

With over three miles of hiking trails and diversified habitat, the center offers unique learning opportunities for people of all ages.

The center is open for hiking from dawn until dusk, 365 days a year.



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Volunteers



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*We make a living by what we do, but we
make a life by what we give.*

-Winston Churchill



Welcome to CEC!

We are so glad that you are considering lending your talents, time and energy to Cope Environmental Center. Every year, hundreds of people from Wayne County and beyond volunteer at CEC. The dynamism and accomplishments of these volunteers cannot be overstated. CEC volunteers help preserve and restore CEC's 3+ miles of hiking trails, help with day-to-day operations at CEC, and aid in preparation and planning of events and educational programs. From those who visit us weekly to those who help make the fall gala successful, your help is always appreciated! Quite simply put, CEC could not operate without our incredible team of volunteers.

Volunteer duties available are diverse; from long term projects to short pro-bono tasks. We will work with you to make sure your interests are matched up with the most fulfilling duties and to make sure your talents are being put to good use.

Along with Board and Staff, CEC volunteers work towards promoting sustainability through education in Wayne County and surrounding areas. CEC's volunteer program coordinates volunteer efforts in support of CEC's programs and events.

Our mission is to promote the sustainable use of the earth's resources through education, demonstration and research.

CEC's History

Cope Environmental Center was founded in 1992 when Jim and Helen partnered with their friend Francis Parks, a dedicated botanist, horticulturist, and conservationist, to create the Francis Parks Foundation and the Cope Environmental Center to give permanent protection to this valuable piece of land and to teach others what they had learned.

In 1997, the Center tripled in size with the gift of 70 acres from Gertrude 'Lucky' Ward, a retired biology professor at Earlham College. Lucky was dedicated to the conservation of natural and cultural resources within the region. With the addition of another parcel of land in 1999, the Center increased to its current size of 102 acres.



Our Vision is to inspire and challenge individuals and communities to achieve ecologically sustainable lifestyles to secure a sustainable future for all life on earth.

Volunteer Positions

Mail Team- These volunteers will be in charge of ensuring that CEC's many mailings get out in a timely and orderly fashion.

Maintenance Crew: These independent-spirited volunteers will be in charge of identifying and carrying out structural repairs and small maintenance jobs.

Land Stewards: These persistent volunteers will be in charge of the eradication of invasive species on CEC's 100+ acres of property.

Special Events Staff: CEC hosts a variety of events throughout the year with proceeds benefitting educational programs. These volunteers will be in charge of various activities from serving food to helping with hikes.

Trail Patrol: These volunteers will act as goodwill ambassadors- hiking CEC's trails, providing information for guests, and picking up litter & lost items along the way.

Pro-Bono Volunteers: Would you like to share your expertise and skills with CEC? CEC has a variety of needs to be filled by skilled volunteers.

For a complete list of volunteer descriptions and a copy of the volunteer handbook, visit www.copeenvironmental.org/volunteers.htm