

Volunteer Vibes - *Volunteers play many crucial roles at the Preserve. They maintain trails, welcome visitors, conduct research, educate youth groups, support special events, beautify our gardens, capture breathtaking photography, and much more, contributing their time, talents, and thousands of volunteer hours annually. We will be regularly featuring our volunteers in Talus Talk so that we can all learn who they are and why they do what they do for the Preserve. Let's meet our volunteers!*

Bill Winter

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Manhattan and grew up in the Bronx. We actually had some undeveloped areas to go and explore in the woods back then.

What is your volunteer role(s) here at Mohonk Preserve?

Being a volunteer photographer is my main focus, but I also volunteer with the Backcountry Patrol.

Why did you decide to volunteer your time and talents at Mohonk Preserve?

Honestly, it was for the free pass. My friend Vinny knew I was into photography and told me about the volunteer opportunity. It turned out to be a great fit for me. I've enjoyed helping at all the events and it has helped me grow as a photographer.

What is a volunteer accomplishment you are really proud of?

Having one of my images published in the Preserve's yearly calendar.

Where is your favorite place/trail on the Preserve and why is it your favorite?

Looking at my Instagram page you might think it's the Testimonial Gateway. I enjoy exploring less crowded places like the Northeast Trail out to Table Rocks. If I am cross-country skiing, I'd say Overcliff/Undercliff or if I am mountain biking I go just about anywhere I can feel a cool breeze on a hot summer day.



Bill Winter volunteering at the 2002 Christmas Bird Count, Photo by Karen Hardin