

2021 Yosemite Conservancy Work Week Schedule & Project Description

All of the 2021 Work Weeks are happening in Ackerson meadow. [Click here](#) to learn more from the National Park Service about this unique landscape and how Yosemite Conservancy is playing a role in the health and maintenance of the ecosystem. Yosemite Conservancy is thrilled to have a long-term volunteer project and has been involved with this endeavor since the original land acquisition in 2016. [Click here](#) to learn more about YC's role in the Ackerson Meadow Restoration project and goals for the future.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, participation is limited to 8 volunteers in each session. Volunteers arrive on Sunday afternoon, volunteer work is Monday – Thursday, Friday is a free day to enjoy the park, check out is Saturday morning after breakfast. Volunteers will be working at approximately 4,600 ft and camping at approximately 4,900 ft. Due to covid guidelines, Volunteers will need to drive themselves from camp to the work site, about 5.2 miles each way.

Join park service biologists in Ackerson meadow to implement a large-scale ecological restoration project. Ackerson is the park's newest acquisition on the northwest border of the park dotted with endemic wildflowers and rich in wildlife. This project promises a scope of work that will take years to implement and is one of the largest projects we've undertaken to date that incorporates both experimental methods and tried and true techniques.

Before selecting the week you'd volunteer, please review the dates and difficulty level for each Work Week. Note that they get more strenuous and difficult as the weeks progress. Priority placement will be given to those who were placed and canceled in 2020.

1 - Ackerson Meadow Restoration

June 20 – June 26

Weekly tasks include: Hand pulling annual invasive grasses and collecting materials for dam project

Difficulty level: Easy - much of the work will be on hands and knees



#2 - Ackerson Meadow Restoration

June 27 – July 3

Weekly tasks include: Hand pulling annual invasive grasses and collecting materials for dam project, fence line survey

Difficulty level: Moderate - much of the work will be on hands and knees or hiking 3-4 miles a day



#3 - Ackerson Meadow Restoration

July 4 – July 10

Weekly tasks include: Hand pulling annual invasive grasses and collecting materials for dam project, fence line survey, fence fixing, seed collection

Difficulty level: Moderate - work on hands and knees or hiking 3-4 miles a day

#4 – Ackerson Meadow Restoration

July 11 – July 17

Weekly tasks include: Dam creation, natural materials gathering, fence line survey, fence fixing, seed collection

Difficulty level: Moderate to Difficult - The work itself is slightly remote - you will walk about 0.5 miles off-trail to get to the site. You will get very dirty and very wet. It is a job that requires good balance because you will be constantly getting in and out of water. We have a range of tasks including hauling cut trees and branches, raking up meadow grasses, collecting willow cuttings from the streambank, digging up soil, constructing the dam, etc.



#5 – Ackerson Meadow Restoration

July 18 – July 24

Weekly tasks include: Dam creation, natural materials gathering, fence line survey, fence fixing, seed collection

Difficulty level: Moderate to Difficult - The work itself is slightly remote - you will walk about 0.5 miles off-trail to get to the site. You will get very dirty and very wet. It is a job that requires good balance because you will be constantly getting in and out of water. We have a range of tasks including hauling cut trees and branches, raking up meadow grasses, collecting willow cuttings from the streambank, digging up soil, constructing the dam, etc.

#6 – Ackerson Meadow Restoration

September 5 – September 11

Weekly tasks include: Dam creation, natural materials gathering, fence line survey, fence fixing, seed collection

Difficulty level: Moderate to Difficult - The work itself is slightly remote - you will walk about 0.5 miles off-trail to get to the site. You will get very dirty and very wet. It is a job that requires good balance because you will be constantly getting in and out of water. We have a range of tasks including hauling cut trees and branches, raking up meadow grasses, collecting willow cuttings from the streambank, digging up soil, constructing the dam, etc.



#7 – Ackerson Meadow Restoration

September 12 – September 18

Weekly tasks include: Dam creation, natural materials gathering, fence line survey, fence fixing, seed collection

Difficulty level: Moderate to Difficult - The work itself is slightly remote - you will walk about 0.5 miles off-trail to get to the site. You will get very dirty and very wet. It is a job that requires good balance because you will be constantly getting in and out of water. We have a range of tasks including hauling cut trees and branches, raking up meadow grasses, collecting willow cuttings from the streambank, digging up soil, constructing the dam, etc.