

Virginia Vernal Pool Cooperative

Potential Add-on Activities for Volunteers

These are activities that VMN volunteers might do to increase the impact of the project, broaden its reach, and engage other volunteers, beyond those involved directly in the data collection. Not every activity will be appropriate for every site.

- Invite the land manager for the site to join you for one of the monitoring trips
- Hold a vernal pool-themed nature walk for the public at one of your sites (if there is one that is appropriate for a group to visit)
- Work with land managers to put up signage near the pools about what vernal pools are and why they are important
- Plan a stewardship event at a vernal pool site if there's litter clean up, invasive plant management, or trail work that volunteers can do
- Do other citizen science at the site, such as using it as a site for a bird count, butterfly count, dragonfly count, etc.
- If the site is a place like a state park where there might be visitors on nearby trails, work with the park to be a 'roving naturalist' (perhaps on a busy Saturday) where you can be on the trail showing the pools to visitors.