

**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!*

## **Peter Boyle**

### ***Where did you grow up?***

I was born and raised in Brooklyn NY. After the birth of my daughter, we relocated to Lake Carmel in Putnam County, and after my twin boys were born, we moved into our current home in Hopewell Junction, in southern Dutchess County.

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

I am the Backcountry Patrol Coordinator and late last season I took ownership of the Shongum Path as a Trailkeeper.

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

I hiked the Millbrook Ridge Trail on my first visit to the Preserve and immediately fell in love with this beautiful place. I've always had a passion for conservation and the protection of wildlife, open spaces, and the environment so this was a perfect match for me.

### ***What is a volunteer accomplishment you are really proud of?***

I am most proud of the positive feedback I've received from my fellow volunteers, and from Preserve staff for my efforts. I hope that by getting out on the land to meet and support my fellow volunteers, I can have a positive impact on volunteer retention.

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

The Millbrook Ridge was love at first hike, but as a Backcountry patroller I'm off-trail still exploring and discovering new sections. Each area has its unique beauty and attraction.



*Pete Boyle on a backcountry patrol. Photo by Christopher Yates*