

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!

Ted Sandler

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in South Orange, New Jersey.

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

I volunteer with Backcountry Patrol and the Volunteer Photographers.

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

I have always enjoyed the outdoors. When my wife and I moved to the New Paltz area we found Mohonk Preserve provided the opportunity for friendships, adventures, learning, and photography that we enjoy.

What is a volunteer accomplishment you are really proud of?

Helping lost hikers and ensuring the safety of our trails while getting to remote areas for unique photography.

Helping Friends of the Shawangunk arrange for the transfer of the Shawangunk Conglomerate Parcel to Mohonk Preserve.

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

Sunsets at the Million Dollar View and Bonticou Crag.



Ted Sandler: photo by Sami Shub