



# Corporate Volunteer Days

*with Don't Mess with the Don*



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# Our Story

We've protected and restored Toronto's  
Don Valley since 2018.

Don't Mess with the Don is an initiative by Don Valley trail users and lovers of the beautiful natural spaces existing in the midst of busy downtown Toronto. We are a volunteer-led Canadian-registered charity committed to protecting and enhancing the natural heritage of the Don Valley and Toronto ravines.

We formed as a response to the great pain felt when we come across abuse and disdain for the trails and the ecosystem around them. We bring our community together to address the damage human impact has had on the valley, particularly garbage and invasive species.

We also run programs to engage residents in participating in ravine-based activities. Our free outdoor sports and recreation programs aim to make sports like mountain biking, trail running and kayaking open and welcoming to all.

Since 2018 we have removed over **270,000** lbs of garbage from the ravines including **67** tires and **9** shopping carts just in 2023! We currently have **10** acres under management in Sun Valley where we are working to restore a thriving native ecosystem and have removed over **4000** invasive Buckthorn trees in Sunnybrook Park.







# Stewardship

## *in Sun Valley*

### **About**

Invasive plant species are one of the single biggest threats to the Don Valley. We have 10 acres under management where we work with our community to restore the native ecosystem.

### **Activities:**

Remove invasive plant species  
Create wild flower gardens  
Plant trees and native shrubs

**Date:** Flexible

**Length:** Half/Full Day Option

**Number of volunteers:** 20 - 100

**Location:** Sun Valley, 11 Redway Rd





# Project Buckthorn

## *in Sunnybrook Park*

### **About**

An extension of our stewardship program, this project specifically targets one of the most destructive invasive plants, European Buckthorn.

### **Activities:**

Pull or saw buckthorn trees  
Remove and bag berries  
Remove and bag roots

**Date:** Flexible

**Length:** Half/Full Day Option

**Number of volunteers:** 20 - 150

**Location:** Sunnybrook Park





# Clean Ups

## About

Help us clean up with the Don Valley or a green space near you. To date we have removed over 276,000lbs of garbage from the environment and you can help us clean even more!

## Activities:

Grab a bag and a picker and get removing garbage!

**Date:** Flexible

**Length:** 2 - 4 hours

**Number of volunteers:** 20 - 150

**Location:** A public green space in the Valley or near you





# What You'll Get

**For every event you'll receive:**

1. A memorable day out for your employees
2. Social media recognition
3. Photos from the day
4. A thank you letter
5. An impact summary
6. Logo recognition in our end of year presentation



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# Book Now!

Create meaningful impact for the community and your employees by volunteering with us!

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Please include the following details in your inquiry:

- Preferred date(s)
- Preferred duration
- Number of volunteers\*
- Preferred activity
- Demographic (employees only or are families and children invited?)

\*Looking to accommodate up to 200 volunteers? Work with our team to build a custom event!



# Testimonials

*“Our volunteers had a great experience today with you and your dog. I just wanted to thank you for helping us give back to Mother Nature and would like to organize such events again in the future”* - Deniz, **Home Depot**

*“We are excited to continue our partnership, your team and program is always a fan favourite for our interns.”* - Ryan, **Scotiabank**

*“The team really enjoyed getting their hands dirty and seeing the noticeable difference teamwork can make in just a few hours. I know the Faulhaber team would agree that the work you do is extremely challenging, but equally as important to our community and inspiring to have been a small part of.”* - Kyla, **Faulhaber Communications**

*“Our team had a great time in the Don, but it’s incredible to see how much more work there is still left to do. I am going to spread the word to our sister companies (who have a lot more employees than we do), and I hope they will be able to come out and experience this as well. We will definitely be back!”* - Angela, **First Service**

*“Our team had a GREAT time and we’d love to stay in touch. Thank you SOOO much for taking us out and for all the great work you do in the community.”* - Kelly, **Proof Experiences**

*“Thanks for the event on Oct 21st... once again, everyone loved it.”* - Wayne, **Microsoft**