

GREETER FALLS CAMPGROUND

Volunteer Workamper Overview & Application

A practical guide and application form for seasonal volunteer workampers

Location	Altamont, Tennessee, between Nashville and Chattanooga
Setting	Rustic campground near Savage Gulf State Park and Greeter Falls
Standard Exchange	Volunteer workamper exchange of 20 hours per week
ABRI Area	Designated Area E community for workampers and extended-stay guests

1 Welcome

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer workamper at Greeter Falls Campground. We welcome applicants from many different backgrounds, including singles, couples, families, different types of camping or RV accommodations, and those traveling with furry companions. Many workampers stay with us for multiple seasons, while others join us for only a few months. Either way, our goal is to build a responsible, friendly, and helpful community that supports both our guests and one another.

ABRI: our designated workamper and extended-stay area

We have set aside a three-acre section of the campground, Area E, for workampers and extended-stay guests. We call this designated area ABRI, meaning a shelter or place of refuge. The area includes ten RV sites, two furnished RV housing options, the camp manager's cabin, a private bathhouse and laundry facility, a community gazebo, and its own high-speed fiber Wi-Fi.

If you are new to the workamping lifestyle, please read this overview carefully. If it sounds like a good fit for your skills, expectations, and season of life, we invite you to complete the volunteer application included at the end of this packet.

2 What is workamping?

Workamping, or work camping, generally means living at or near a campground, RV park, public park, or outdoor venue while helping with seasonal operations. In many settings, workampers receive a campsite, utilities, amenities, or other benefits in exchange for part-time responsibilities. Some larger venues also offer paid seasonal positions.

Each workamping opportunity is unique. Duties, hours, benefits, and expectations depend on the campground, the season, the size of the property, and the skills of the workamper team.

Traditional workamper arrangements

Traditionally, many workampers are volunteers who contribute an average of 20 hours per week in exchange for an RV site and access to campground amenities. Common duties include cleaning bathhouses and facilities, picking up trash, preparing or removing reservation/site tags, greeting and assisting guests, landscaping, and general site maintenance.

Workamping is a lifestyle, not just a job

Workamping combines work, camping, simple living, and community. It can be deeply rewarding for people who enjoy being outdoors, serving guests, solving practical problems, and living in a rustic setting. It is usually not the easiest way to make money, and it is not a good fit for everyone.

A good question to ask yourself is this: Do I enjoy both working and camping enough to do them together every week? If the answer is yes, workamping may be worth considering. If the answer is no, the lifestyle can become frustrating very quickly.

3 Set expectations before you begin

Before committing to a workamping season, it is important to be honest with yourself and with the campground about your skills, preferences, limitations, and financial needs. The best arrangements happen when expectations are clear on both sides.

Questions to consider before applying:

- Do you prefer a rural, nature-focused setting or a more urban and refined environment?
- Are you comfortable with physically active work such as cleaning, mowing, landscaping, maintenance, and site preparation?
- Are you willing to clean bathhouses and shared facilities when needed?
- Are you comfortable with bugs, dirt, weather changes, and simple outdoor living?
- Do you have skills in hospitality, maintenance, repairs, groundskeeping, cleaning, office support, retail, food service, or guest services?
- Do your financial obligations allow you to accept a volunteer exchange rather than a traditional full-time job?

Financial expectations

One of the most practical pieces of advice for new workampers is to reduce debt before beginning the lifestyle. High monthly RV payments, truck payments, credit cards, or other obligations can greatly limit your options and create unnecessary pressure. Workamping works best when the exchange arrangement matches your actual financial needs.

Because Greeter Falls is a rustic campground, the experience is best suited for people who value nature, simple living, community, responsibility, and a willingness to help wherever needed.

4 Workamping at Greeter Falls Campground

Greeter Falls Campground is a privately owned, rustic retreat on the Cumberland Plateau in southeastern Tennessee, between Nashville and Chattanooga. The campground is located near the western trailhead to Savage Gulf State Park and the Greeter Falls area near Altamont, Tennessee, in Grundy County.

Our volunteer workampers are provided a no-cost site or shelter, usually in the form of a free RV hookup or designated housing, along with utilities and access to campground amenities. In exchange, workampers help with part-time responsibilities such as landscaping, maintenance, cleaning, hospitality, and general support around the campground.

We try to respect the individual needs and preferences of each person in the workamping community. At the same time, we expect everyone to contribute fairly, communicate clearly, and help maintain the campground standard our guests expect.

5 General workamper duties

Our standard volunteer exchange is 20 hours per week. In some cases, a couple may work together to meet the total weekly responsibilities. In other cases, one person may fulfill the work requirements. Some workamper families homeschool, work remotely, or alternate responsibilities to fit family schedules.

The campground's most important ongoing needs include:

- Keeping bathhouses and shared facilities clean, stocked, and guest-ready at all times.
- Maintaining grounds, campsites, paths, landscaping, and common areas.
- Picking up trash and debris throughout the campground.
- Delivering, updating, and removing reservation/site tags as needed.
- Assisting guest needs and requests in a polite, orderly, and helpful manner.

Additional hours and stipends

Depending on occupancy, seasonal projects, the size of the workamper team, and each person's skills, some workampers may be offered additional hours beyond the standard 20-hour weekly exchange. When additional hours are approved in advance by management, Greeter Falls may provide a weekly stipend, typically equivalent to \$10 to \$15 per hour, up to \$200 to \$300 per week for up to 20 additional hours.

Additional paid hours must be approved by management before the work is performed.

6 Important notes

- Workamping at Greeter Falls is generally a volunteer exchange, not a traditional paid position.
- Greeter Falls does not offer workers' compensation, medical insurance, or retirement benefits for volunteer workampers.
- Schedules, duties, housing arrangements, and any stipend opportunities are confirmed with management before placement.
- This overview is for general information and does not create an employment contract or guarantee of placement.

Volunteer Workamper Application

Please complete this form and email it back to Greeter Falls Campground.

Return instructions: Fill out this application, save it with your name in the file name, and email it to the address provided by Greeter Falls Campground. If returning the PDF, you may type into it using a PDF editor or print, scan, and email it back. Please attach any photos of your RV or lodging setup if helpful.

1. Applicant Information

Primary applicant name	_____ _____
Second applicant / spouse / partner, if applicable	_____ _____
Phone	_____ _____
Email	_____ _____
Current mailing address	_____ _____
Current location / home base	_____ _____

2. Travel Party and Pets

Number of adults in party	_____ _____
Children traveling with you, if any	Names/ages or general description:
Pets traveling with you	Type, number, size, and temperament:

Travel setup:

<input type="checkbox"/> Solo traveler	<input type="checkbox"/> Couple
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Traveling with pets
<input type="checkbox"/> Traveling with own RV	<input type="checkbox"/> Need furnished housing if available

3. Desired Season and Availability

Earliest available start date	_____
Preferred end date / length of stay	_____
Are you open to multiple seasons?	_____
Days or times you are generally unavailable	_____

Seasonal availability:

<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
<input type="checkbox"/> Full season	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekends	<input type="checkbox"/> Holidays

Are you willing to work the standard 20-hour weekly volunteer exchange?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Need to discuss
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Are you interested in additional approved stipend hours when available?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe
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4. RV / Housing Information

RV type	Motorhome / fifth wheel / travel trailer / van / other:
RV year, make, and model	_____
Total RV length	_____
Number of slide-outs	_____
Electric service needed	30 amp / 50 amp / other:
Tow vehicle / additional vehicle	_____
Do you have photos of your setup?	Yes / No / Attached:

5. Workamping Experience

Have you workamped before?	Yes / No. If yes, where and when?
Previous campground, hospitality, maintenance, or cleaning experience	_____ _____
Previous employer or campground reference	Name, phone, email:

Briefly describe your most relevant workamping, camping, maintenance, hospitality, or guest-service experience:

6. Skills and Preferred Duties

Please check areas where you have experience or are willing to help:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bathhouse and facility cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry / stocking supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Groundskeeping / mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping / trimming
<input type="checkbox"/> Trash pickup / site cleanup	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Reservation/site tags	<input type="checkbox"/> Camp store support
<input type="checkbox"/> Grill or food-service support	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry / repairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Painting / staining
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing basics	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical basics
<input type="checkbox"/> RV site support	<input type="checkbox"/> Events / music nights
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature or craft activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Kids activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Social media / photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Office or computer tasks

What kind of work do you enjoy most?

What kind of work do you prefer not to do, or should we discuss before placement?

7. Physical Requirements and Accommodations

Many workamper duties are outdoors and may include walking on uneven ground, cleaning, bending, lifting, carrying supplies, using hand tools, and working in changing weather. Please let us know about any limitations or accommodations that would help us place you appropriately.

Can you perform routine outdoor campground duties?	Yes / No / Need to discuss:
Approximate lifting comfort level	Example: 10 lb / 25 lb / 50 lb / need to discuss:
Limitations or accommodations we should know about	_____

8. Community Fit

Why are you interested in workamping at Greeter Falls Campground?

What do you believe makes someone a good workamper and campground community member?

9. References

Reference 1 name	_____ _____
Relationship	_____ _____
Phone / email	_____ _____
Reference 2 name	_____ _____
Relationship	_____ _____
Phone / email	_____ _____

10. Emergency Contact

Name	_____ _____
Relationship	_____ _____
Phone	_____ _____

11. Acknowledgment

- I understand that the standard Greeter Falls workamper arrangement is generally a volunteer exchange of 20 hours per week for a site or shelter, utilities, and campground amenities.
- I understand that any stipend or additional paid hours must be approved by management in advance.
- I understand that Greeter Falls does not offer workers' compensation, medical insurance, or retirement benefits for volunteer workampers.
- I understand that completing this application does not guarantee placement and does not create an employment contract.
- I certify that the information I provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature	_____ —
Date	_____ —
Second applicant signature, if applicable	_____ —
Date	_____ —

Thank you for your interest in Greeter Falls Campground. We look forward to learning more about you.