

Access Nature: Safe and Positive for All

Free Training and Certification Program for Outdoor Leaders and Guides: Creating Inclusive Land-Based Outdoor Programs for People with Disabilities

We have heard from so many people that guided outdoor programs are important to people with disabilities and their families, because guided trips help participants feel confident the experience on a trail or at a scenic location will be safe and positive.

But today there are very few inclusive guided walks and nature-based experiences offered to the public around New Jersey.

We want to help land managers, nonprofits and educators design and offer inclusive nature-based walks and “forest bathing” experiences that are tailored to the concerns of people with various disabilities and caregivers.

We will come to your site, work with you to design and test programs, and provide training for your staff and volunteers on safety protocols, emergency response, and respectful interactions with participants who have physical or development disabilities.

We will also help you advertise your programs through our own networks and social media platforms.

This service is **free of charge**.

We are offering two basic services and will work with you to create the support and training you need:

- 1. Safety Procedures:** Ocean Positive will provide training for staff and volunteers who provide services and support for those with disabilities to ensure a high level of prevention, safety, care and appropriate emergency response in outdoor venues. {Approximately 1.5 hrs}
- 2. Program Design and Leadership:** PPA Design program details that meet the needs of people with mobility challenges, developmental disabilities, or other disability concerns.

This element includes evaluating a trail or scenic location where you are considering an inclusive program, respectfully addressing the needs of participants, and connecting with organizations in your area that serve people with disabilities as part of an outreach plan. This program takes 1½ to 2 hours depending on your goals for the program.

We can also help design and train for aquatic programs.

Please contact us to discuss how we can support you! **Email Sean Kane Holland, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, at sean@pinelandsalliance.org.**

This project is part of the statewide Nature: Accessible for All campaign. If your organization is not already involved and you would like to find out more about this collaborative effort to make New Jersey’s wonderful natural places more accessible, please contact Sean Kane Holland at sean@pinelandsalliance.org. This program is funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.



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