

**GSMC/DBC  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Service Project**

**Instructions:**

- **Fill out and turn in a Local Tour Permit to your local council office. This must be turned in 2 weeks prior to your trip.**
- **Each Unit must have a filled out Volunteer Agreement with the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.**
- **As you do this project, please pick up trash and inspect the trails and campsites you hike by. Report any hazards or missing signs to the Park Backcountry Office at 865-436-1297.**

The main focus of this project is to inspect, inventory, and photograph all of the trail signs in the park and to give them that assessment. The Ranger in charge of volunteers retired several months ago and has just been replaced; due to this, the Park has asked us to concentrate on the sign assessment and not to clean, paint, or replace any signs, as this would require at least some supervision by the Park.

The Backcountry Sign Inventory Form is the main instrument used for this assessment. The form has the following sections:

1. Sign Type – Please check appropriate box
2. Sign Location – Please fill in trail or trails at intersection. I will fill in district.
3. Sign Location (sketch)– Please sketch a diagram of the sign location, include trail names.
4. Photo – Email photo(s), write file name(s) on form. Please take at least one photo with and without flash of each sign, sometimes the flash brings out the lettering better.
5. Wording on Sign – Please copy the exact wording on the sign.
6. Please fill in the rest of the questions.

Please fill out an Inventory Form for each sign, sometimes there are more than one sign on a post.

**\*\*Please hand draw the sign location, fill in the wording on the sign, and write the file name in the photo section. I have a program that will allow me to draw the location and attach the picture.**

Email photo to:  
[Thomast911@yahoo.com](mailto:Thomast911@yahoo.com)  
(Write file name on form)

Mail Backcountry Form to:  
Thomas Pendleton  
7249 Autumn View Lane  
Powell, TN 37849

Thanks for your support – Thomas

**VIP Agreement:**

**Each unit will only have to fill out ONE VIP Agreement Form, please attach a list of participants with ages included. The forms can be filled out on line, printed and then faxed to 865-436-1244 or printed and filled and then faxed or scanned and emailed to [Dana Soehn@nps.gov](mailto:Dana.Soehn@nps.gov). If you have any questions for the park, Dana's phone number is 865-436-1265.**