



Mountain-Bay Trail Poetry Walk

Poetry Judge Volunteer Invitation

Where Art Walks in Nature

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Invitation

The first annual **Mountain-Bay Trail Poetry Walk** is seeking a volunteer poetry judge to help select poems for this community arts project along the Mountain-Bay State Trail.

The Poetry Walk will bring together poetry, photography, nature, and community by displaying selected poems and photographs along a portion of the trail. This first year's theme is **"Travels,"** honoring both literal and figurative journeys. Selected work will be posted on the trail from **August 15 through September 26, 2026**, leading into the **Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail anniversary celebration** on September 26.

Volunteer Role

- Review submitted poems after the submission deadline.
- Select poems for inclusion in the Poetry Walk installation.
- Provide final selections to the editors by the agreed deadline so poems can be prepared, printed, and posted along the trail.

Project Timeline

Submissions Due	July 26, 2026
Judging Window	July 27-August 7, 2026
Final Poetry Selections Due to Editors	August 10, 2026
Poetry Walk Installation Open	August 15-September 26, 2026
Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail Anniversary Celebration	September 26, 2026

Recognition

This is a volunteer role. In appreciation, the poetry judge will receive:

- 5 free raffle tickets for the Poetry Walk raffle
- An introduction at the Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail anniversary celebration
- A byline in the annual Poetry Walk collection

The Poetry Walk is in its first year, so this is an opportunity to help shape a new community arts tradition from the beginning. The goal is to create a thoughtful, accessible, and meaningful experience that invites people to read, walk, reflect, and connect with the trail in a new way.

Interested?

Those interested in volunteering as the poetry judge may contact: **Rosie Rey** | 715.304.1334 | RosieRey1328@icloud.com