

Friends of Acadia 2009 Recreation Technician Position Description

Core Responsibilities: Through a variety of methods, the Recreation Technician will monitor visitor use and impacts on the carriage roads, trails, and other sites in Acadia National Park. Data collected will advance the understanding and management of visitor use in the park.

Duties:

1. Installs and maintains electronic trail counters on carriage roads and trails. Tests, troubleshoots, and corrects trail counter power and alignment, and downloads computer data.
2. Uses GPS to map and record condition of social trails in the park, and map other sites of interest. Downloads and processes data.
3. Conducts stationary counts of visitors on carriage roads, hiking trails, and summits for long periods of time (1-3 hours), and other counts as needed.
4. Distributes survey cards to visitors to evaluate park facilities and services. Administers other monitoring and research questionnaires.
5. Enters trail counter, computer, and observation data in database and spreadsheet programs.
6. Educates visitors about Leave No Trace principles while hiking in the park.
7. Builds cairns to mark trails (INVOLVES HEAVY LIFTING); destroys inappropriate cairns and rock art; performs other routine trail maintenance including waterbar cleaning, brush cutting, and brushing in impacted areas; picks up trash.
8. Collects other visitor use and impact data, assists in other natural resource activities, and performs other duties as assigned. Writes an end-of season evaluation of work experience with FOA and ANP.

Qualifications: Ability to use basic computer software—word processing, database, and spreadsheet. Ability to use or learn GPS technology. Excellent communication and people skills. Practical experience in record keeping in field and office environments. Eagerness to work hard at physically and socially demanding job, which may involve lifting 50 pounds, hiking 10 miles per day, working in inclement weather (hot, cold, or wet), assertively contacting visitors about Leave No Trace, or sitting for long stretches in often uncomfortable positions, attending to routine tasks. Flexibility to adapt to quickly changing work demands and schedules and ability to be prepared for anything on a given day. Hiking or other outdoor experience. Sense of humor. Patience. Knowledge of Acadia National Park. Natural resources or outdoor recreation coursework helpful

Requirements: Valid Driver's License. Certifications in basic first aid and CPR. Applicant must have appropriate personal footwear (closed-toe hiking shoes or boots) and raingear. Uniform shirts, first aid kits, and gloves and other personal protective equipment provided).

Period of Service: June 17^h - August 25^d, with some flexibility (50 days, funding permitting). Successful applicant must attend Acadia National Park training which may include one night of camping. **Days off:** 2 days/week to be arranged. Hours will vary. Weekend work expected. **Payment:** \$9.00/hr. if housing is provided and subsidized by the park; \$11.00/hr if not. **Pay period:** Every two weeks. **Housing:** Usually available from Acadia National Park. **Work Environment:** Most work is performed outdoors and may involve moderate risks or discomfort.

Send cover letter and resume postmarked by February 20, 2009 to: Mike Staggs, Projects and Systems Coordinator, Friends of Acadia, P.O. Box 45, Bar Harbor, ME 04609; or via e-mail to mike@friendsofacadia.org. Call Friends of Acadia at (207) 288-3340 or 1-800-625-0321 with questions.