

WILDERNESS RANGER/TRAIL INTERNSHIP

WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Are you interested in a career in natural resource management? Do you love to hike, work hard outside, and enjoy the beauty and challenge of the mountains? The Willamette National Forest is seeking wilderness ranger interns to protect and preserve three spectacular Wilderness areas in the Willamette National Forest. Come spend the summer working in Diamond Peak, Waldo Lake, and Three Sisters Wilderness Areas and have the *summer experience of a lifetime!*



Location

Oakridge, Oregon is a small community with a population of 3,000. It is located 45 miles southeast of Eugene. Recreational opportunities are abundant, including skiing, hiking, biking, birding, fishing and hunting. For more information on the area see <http://www.oakridgechamber.com/>

The Wilderness Ranger Job

The wilderness ranger intern will be an integral member of the Willamette National Forest. The intern will be expected to take on most of the duties of full-time employees. The ranger will work with the Wilderness Manager, other forest staff, volunteers, and may work alone at times.

The wilderness ranger intern:

- May backpack for up to 4 days with a backpack of 50 pounds or more, including tools associated with wilderness ranger duties.
- Implements the logistics required for completion of wilderness projects including on-site coordination of volunteers.
- Performs trail maintenance activities.
- Performs maintenance at dispersed recreation sites including site cleanup and naturalizing.
- Interacts with public in wilderness, providing education and information. Checks wilderness permits. Informs wilderness visitors of rules and regulations.
- Patrols wilderness to ensure that areas are operated, used, and maintained in accordance with wilderness management plans and regulations.
- Uses education as the primary method of disseminating wilderness rules and regulations to the public.
- Organizes and establishes low impact base camps.
- Performs inventorying and monitoring of specific resources.
- Inventories and restores campsites in wilderness areas.
- Maintains signs in wilderness areas.
- Collects evidence and provides documentation for cases of misuse of wilderness areas.
- Manages collected data in digital format, including the input of data into databases and editing of digital photographs.

Internship Requirements

- The wilderness ranger intern must be able to backpack for multiple tours of duty, with each tour having the potential to last up to 4 days.
- The ranger should expect to carry a 50+ pound backpack and tools associated with duties (e.g. shovel, saw, etc.).
- The ranger must be experienced in backpacking and wilderness travel with a demonstrated ability to work independently in remote locations.
- The wilderness ranger intern must be familiar with the Wilderness Act, wilderness ethics, and Leave No Trace principles.
- The wilderness ranger intern must have good communication skills, as interaction with wilderness visitors will be a primary responsibility.
- The wilderness ranger intern must make a commitment to the program.

Internship Dates

The internship lasts for 12 weeks. Start and end dates are flexible, with the ideal period being mid-June to late September.

Compensation

The intern will receive a \$150 a week stipend and will be provided bunkhouse style housing. Bunkhouses include shared sleeping quarters, kitchen, bathroom, dining, and laundry facilities.

Transportation

A personal vehicle is strongly recommended but not required. A vehicle will be available for use while working. For interns who do not have a personal vehicle available, transportation can be arranged through the Forest Service for pick-up from the Eugene area at the beginning of the internship and drop-off at the end of the internship.

Equipment

Interns will be provided with personal protective equipment, hand tools, radios, and standard group backpacking gear such as tents, stoves and water filters. Other items are in limited supply. Interns must have their own sturdy hiking boots.

Questions

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APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply please submit a cover letter and resume that includes relevant skills and experiences including backpacking, outdoor skills and two references.

Application will close April 15, 2017.