



Friends of Acadia 2017 Wild Gardens of Acadia Intern
Bar Harbor, Maine
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Friends of Acadia is accepting applications for the Wild Gardens of Acadia Intern for the 2017 season. The Wild Gardens of Acadia, located at Sieur de Monts Spring in Acadia National Park, is managed by a committee of volunteers, the supervisory gardener, and the student intern. Friends of Acadia provides additional financial and administrative support. The Gardens, which has 13 habitats displaying native plants found in similar habitats in Acadia, is an important park destination. Habitats range from deciduous and coniferous woods to a beach, bog, pond, roadside, and mountain.

Duties:

1. Perform regular maintenance activities, such as weeding, watering, transplanting, pruning, raking paths, setting up the scavenger hunt activity, and filling brochure boxes at the Wild Gardens of Acadia.
2. Greet visitors to the Wild Gardens, informing them about habitats and native plants therein.
3. Answer visitors' questions with patience and politeness. Respectfully inform visitors of garden policies (e.g., no pets allowed, no picnicking, etc.) if visitors are observed disobeying them.
4. Complete daily log of work activities. Record observations of visitor use and impacts; visitor comments, compliments, and complaints; and maintenance needs.
5. Work with the Supervisory Gardener and volunteers to plan and implement special events, such as garden tours.
6. Write an end-of season evaluation of work experience with FOA and ANP.
7. Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Excellent communication and people skills. Ability to follow through on directions. Willingness to work independently and take initiative. Knowledge of or willingness to learn about Acadia National Park, native plants, and gardening. Must be eager and capable of working hard at physically and socially demanding job, which may involve lifting 50 pounds, bending, kneeling, raking, working in inclement weather (hot, cold, or wet), and attending to routine tasks. Reasonable accommodations will be made. Flexibility to adapt to quickly changing work demands and schedules and ability to be prepared for anything on any given day. Botany coursework helpful.

Requirements: Applicant must have appropriate personal footwear (closed-toe hiking shoes or boots) and raingear. Applicant will be provided with Wild Gardens uniform shirts, hat, and fleece jacket. Applicant must wear tidy, non-ripped pants while working in the Gardens. If applicant is asked to run errands for the Wild Gardens, he/she must have a valid driver's license and use his/her own automobile. Applicant will be reimbursed for mileage beyond his/her daily commute to the Wild Gardens.

Period of Service: Somewhat flexible, but approximately June 8, 2017 – September 1, 2017 (400 hours total, with the opportunity to extend another 40 hours if the applicant is required for a college internship). **Hours and Days off:** to be arranged with Supervisory Gardener, but generally, the gardens should be covered by staff or volunteers during peak hours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Intern will work no more than 80 hours total in any pay period. Intern may take another part-time job while working at the Wild Gardens, as long as the Supervisory Gardener deems that it is not interfering with the Intern's duties and schedule at the Wild Gardens. **Wages:** \$13.00/hr. **Pay period:** Every two weeks. **Housing:** Applicants will be expected to find their own housing on or near Mount Desert Island. **Work Environment:** Most of the work is performed outdoors and may involve moderate risks or significant discomfort.

Uniforms/Equipment: Wild Gardens of Acadia shirts, fleece, hat, and nametag will be provided.

To Apply: Email cover letter, resume, and three references to Stephanie Clement at stephanie@friendsofacadia.org.

Application deadline: March 19, 2017 or until filled

Call Friends of Acadia at (207) 288-3340 or 1-800-625-0321 with questions. Friends of Acadia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Friends of Acadia is an independent nonprofit organization, founded in 1986. Its mission is to preserve, protect, and promote stewardship of the outstanding natural beauty, ecological vitality and distinctive cultural resources of Acadia National Park and the surrounding communities for the inspiration and enjoyment of current and future generations. Since 1986, FOA has granted \$25.6 million for park and community conservation. The organization has almost 5,000 members and makes possible the employment of more than 150 workers directly serving Acadia National Park.