

Friends of Acadia

Summit Steward 2018 Position Description

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine

(4-8 positions available)

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Friends of Acadia is accepting applicants for up to 8 Summit Stewards for the 2018 field season. The Summit Stewards are an interdisciplinary team that works with all divisions of Acadia National Park to improve the visitor experience while reducing visitor impacts. Summit Stewards are roving educators who work 5 consecutive days per week in the park: 3 days/week are spent educating visitors on Leave No Trace principles, performing trail maintenance, and delivering informal interpretation to visitors throughout the entire park. 2 days/week are spent on Cadillac Mountain performing the same duties, as well as assisting with traffic management on the Cadillac Summit Road for 35% of the Cadillac days.

Duties (Primary duties are listed as 1-3 below)

1. Hikes selected foot trails inside and connecting to Acadia National Park while educating and orienting visitors: teaching visitors about Leave No Trace principles informally and through a Leave No Trace “station”; offering trail guidance, first aid, water, maps, and information about Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park programs; sharing the cultural and natural history of Cadillac Summit and Acadia National Park.
2. Provides informal interpretation to visitors about the cultural, natural history, and more of Acadia.
3. Builds cairns and destroys inappropriate cairns and rock art (REQUIRES HEAVY LIFTING). Performs routine trail maintenance such as: pruning, brushing impacted areas, blocking social paths, picking up trash, and cleaning waterbars. Works on trail projects, such as installing bog bridging.
4. Staffs Cadillac Mountain summit during sunrise, midday, and sunset, including times of inclement weather, to assist with traffic management.
5. Records daily patrol log of work activities, time spent, and visitor use measures.
6. Works well and communicates effectively with members of the Summit Stewards team, ANP and FOA staff, assisting with all assigned job duties, collaborative projects, and FOA special events.
7. Writes an end-of season evaluation of work experience with FOA and ANP. Assists coordinator with the formal Summit Steward Presentation and Report.
8. May conduct stationary and roving counts of visitors use or behavior for long periods of time. Distributes survey cards for routine monitoring and research projects.
9. May serve as first responder to emergencies in Park (SAR, fire, EMS, etc.).
10. Performs other duties as assigned.



Qualifications: Knowledge of or willingness to learn about Acadia National Park, its natural and cultural resources, and its trails and carriage road system is preferred. Hiking or other outdoor experience. Excellent communication, people, and time management skills. Must be eager and capable to work hard at physically and socially demanding job, which may involve lifting 50 pounds, hiking up to 10 miles per day, working in inclement weather and on steep terrain, assertively contacting visitors about Leave No Trace, and attending to routine tasks.

Preferential qualifications: Interpretive, natural resource, or outdoor recreation coursework. Familiarity with word processing and data entry. Patience, confidence, and a sense of humor. Flexibility to adapt to quickly changing work demands and schedules

Requirements: Applicants **must** pass a federal background check. Valid Driver's License and reliable vehicle for driving to job sites. Applicants will be expected to use their own automobiles and will be reimbursed for mileage beyond their daily commute to park headquarters. Certifications in basic first aid and CPR. Applicant must be available for the entire season. Applicant must attend Leave No Trace training which includes one night of camping. Successful applicant maintains appearance consistent with Acadia National Park's uniform and grooming standards.

Period of Service: Summer Position: June 4 – August 24, 40 hours/week. Fall Position: June 4 – November 3, 40 hours/week. Some holiday work required. Applicant must be available for the entire season. **Hours:** Early and late shifts for sunrise/sunset. Weekend work expected. **Days off:** 2 consecutive days/week to be arranged.

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:** Uniform shirts, boots, first aid kits, backpack, and personal protective equipment provided.

To Apply: E-mail cover letter, resume, and references in **one PDF document** to employment@friendsofacadia.org. Call Friends of Acadia at (207) 288-3340 or 1-800-625-0321 with questions. Friends of Acadia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application Deadline: March 5, 2018

Friends of Acadia is an independent nonprofit organization, founded in 1986. Its mission is to preserve the outstanding natural beauty, ecological vitality and cultural distinctiveness of Acadia National Park and the surrounding communities, and thereby to ensure high quality experiences for visitors and residents.