

Friends of Acadia

Recreation Technician

2020 Position Description

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine

(1 position available)

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Friends of Acadia is accepting applications for a seasonal recreation technician for the 2020 summer season. The “Rec Tech” will assist Acadia National Park staff in studying recreational use of the park. Main duties will include maintaining electronic trail counters on carriage roads and trails, using GPS to map and record condition of social trails and other sites of interest in the park, and administering visitor questionnaires and performing other routine monitoring and research tasks. The position is supervised by the division of Resource management, while also being co-supervised and working with the Recreation Technician Lead.



Duties (Primary Duties are listed as numbers 1 - 5 below)

1. Installs and maintains electronic trail counters on carriage roads and trails and traffic counters on park roads. Tests, troubleshoots, and corrects counter power, phone lines, and alignment. Downloads and processes counter data into usable formats, conducting quality control analyses;
2. May conduct stationary counts of visitors on carriage roads, hiking trails, summits and elsewhere or observes visitor behavior for long periods of time (1-4 hours);
3. Processes, organizes, enters trail counter, computer, observation and other data in database and spreadsheet programs. Runs some statistical analyses on data in each;
4. May distribute survey cards and administers visitor questionnaires for routine monitoring and research projects;
5. Collects other visitor use and impact data
6. Uses GPS to map and record condition of social trails in the park, and map other sites of interest. Downloads and edits data. Conducts some GIS analyses and creates maps
7. Hikes selected foot trails inside and connecting to Acadia National Park, educating visitors about Leave No Trace principles and offering trail guidance, first aid, water, maps, and information about Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park programs. May serve as first responder to emergencies in Park (SAR, fire, EMS, etc.) and communicate with others via park radio;
8. Performs trail maintenance. The main tasks are inappropriate cairns and rock art (REQUIRES HEAVY LIFTING). Other routine trail maintenance tasks may include pruning, brushing in impacted areas, and trash pick-up;
9. Works with FOA staff on special events such as the FOA annual meeting, benefit auction, and local parades;
10. Writes an end-of season evaluation of work experience with FOA and ANP;
11. Gives informal presentations about projects to ANP and FOA staff, donors, and the public;
12. Performs other duties as assigned.



Qualifications: Ability to use basic computer software—word processing, database, and spreadsheets. Ability to use GPS technology and GIS software (ARC/INFO helpful). Excellent communication and people skills. Practical experience in data collection and record keeping in field and office environments. Must be eager and capable to work hard at physically and socially demanding job, which may involve lifting 50 pounds, hiking 10 miles per day, communicating via park radios, working in inclement weather (hot, cold, or wet), and sitting for long stretches attending to routine tasks. Flexibility to adapt to quickly changing work demands and schedules. Hiking or other outdoor experience. Sense of humor. Patience. Knowledge of Acadia National Park. Natural resources or outdoor recreation coursework helpful.

Requirements: Must pass a federal background check. Valid Driver's License is needed and must have reliable transportation for travel to/from work. You will be provided with a uniform shirt, but must supply own raingear pants/shorts appropriate for hiking in all conditions at Acadia National Park. Employees must adhere to the Acadia National Park grooming standards. Certifications in basic first aid and CPR.

Period of Service: June 1 – November 7, 2020 @ 40 hours/week (23 weeks). Applicant must be available for the entire season. Successful applicant must attend Acadia National Park Leave No Trace training which includes one night of camping. **Days off:** 2 days/week to be arranged. Hours will vary. Weekend work expected. Applicant must take off 5 unpaid work days during the season, to be scheduled with the lead.

Wages: \$15.00/hr. **Pay period:** Every two weeks. **Housing:** Usually available from Acadia National Park. Incumbent will be billed monthly for rent. **Work Environment:** Most work is performed outdoors and may involve moderate risks or discomfort. **Uniforms/Equipment:** Uniform shirts, shoes, first aid kits, gloves, backpacks, and other personal protective equipment provided.

To Apply: E-mail cover letter, resume, and references in **one PDF document:** becca@friendsofacadia.org Call Becca Stanley at (207) 288-8726 with questions. Friends of Acadia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2020. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis and the position may be filled before the application deadline. Please do not hesitate to submit your application.

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.