

Friends of Acadia, Recreation Technicians

(Two positions available)

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine

Compensation and Hours: \$17.85/hour (40 hours/week)

Long Season: One position, End of April - November 24, 2023 (30 weeks);

Short Season: One position, June 5-August 25, 2023 (12 weeks)



Friends of Acadia is accepting applications for seasonal recreation technicians for the 2023 season. The “Rec Techs” will assist Acadia National Park staff in studying the recreational use of the park, with a particular emphasis on the carriage roads for the 12-week position. These positions are funded by Friends of Acadia and co-managed by Acadia National Park’s Resource Management Division and Friends of Acadia’s Recreation Technician Lead.

Duties for 30-week Recreation Technician:

1. Installs and maintains electronic trail counters on carriage roads and trails and traffic counters on park roads. Tests, troubleshoots, and corrects counter power and alignment. Downloads and processes counter data into usable formats, conducting quality control analyses;
2. Conduct stationary counts of visitors on carriage roads, hiking trails, summits and elsewhere or observes visitor behavior for long periods of time (1 - 6 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. Distribute survey cards and administers visitor questionnaires for routine monitoring and research projects;
5. Collects other visitor use and impact data on program interests and your own self-interests, assists in other park activities; and,
6. Processes, organizes, enters trail counter, computer, observation and other data in database and spreadsheet programs. Runs some statistical analyses on data in each;

Duties for 12-Week Recreation Technician:

1. Assist with various research projects from outside researchers and other Citizen Science projects;
2. Maintains trail counters on carriage roads and collects other visitor use and impact data;



Additional Duties for Both Positions:

1. Writes an end-of season evaluation of work experience with FOA and ANP;
2. Gives informal presentations about projects to ANP and FOA staff, donors, and the public;
3. Working on your own small research project based on your own interest;
4. Performs other duties as assigned.

Desired Qualifications: Ability to use basic computer software—word processing, database, and spreadsheets. 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, biking 25 miles, 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. 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. Certifications in basic first aid and CPR. Employees must adhere to Acadia National Park’s uniform and grooming standards.

Period of Service: Long Season will be End of April - November 24, 2023, 40 hours/week (30 weeks) and short season will be June 5 – August 25, 2022 (12 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.

Wages: \$17.85/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 work is performed outdoors and may involve moderate risks or discomfort. **Uniforms/Equipment:** Uniform shirts, shoes, first aid kits, gloves, backpack, and other personal protective equipment provided. Pants are not provided and must meet uniform standards.

To Apply: E-mail cover letter, resume, and at least 2 references in **one** PDF document: becca@friendsofacadia.org with “Rec Tech 2023 Application – [insert YOUR NAME]” in the subject line. Call Friends of Acadia at (207) 288-3340 with questions. Friends of Acadia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

30-week: Rolling application until February 13th, 2023; 12-week Application Deadline: Monday February 13th, 2023

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.