

INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Park Name: Wasatch Mountain State Park

Intern Position Title: Park Ranger Aide/Naturalist Assistant

Dates Needed: Ongoing

Organizational Background

Wasatch Mountain State Park is tucked away in Utah's beautiful Heber Valley, its 23,000 acres poised on the east slope of the Wasatch Mountains at an elevation between 6,000 and 10,000 feet. Wasatch is home to an abundance of wildlife such as mule deer, elk, moose, mountain lions, black bear, raccoons, beavers, sandhill cranes, wild turkeys, coyotes, and many others.

Wasatch Mountain offers activities year-round such as tent and RV camping, world-class golf, scores of hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails, a community fishing pond, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and ATV riding both summer and winter. Scenic drives and wildlife watching are also popular activities within the park.

Wasatch Mountain also contains a rich history of farming, ranching, and homesteading. Several historic buildings still exist within the park, as does an old gravesite with a unique and intriguing history. A 140-year-old apple orchard at Huber Grove is one of the hidden gems of Wasatch Mountain State Park.

Internships Available

Park Ranger Aide/Naturalist Assistant

Knowledge/ Skills/ Abilities

- Understand principles, theories, and practices of parks and recreation, environmental education, and interpretation
- Develop curriculum, learning objectives, and/or course material
- Motivated to work alone and with co-workers
- Public speaking in front of school and community groups
- Customer service/relations
- Phone/radio communications and etiquette
- Problem-solving
- Verbal/Non-verbal communications
- Ability to read, understand and explain documents in English.
- Speak clearly, concisely, and effectively
- Listen and follow written and/or oral instructions
- Availability and approachability
- Wide range of physical mobility
- Ability to accurately exchange money for fee/service and count back change.
- Basic office skills including fax machine, copy machine, computer and internet

This position will assist the Park Ranger/Naturalist in several aspects of the park's interpretive and trail programs. **Some of the main duties include but are not limited to:**

- Lead Interpretive hikes in summer or on snowshoes in winter
- Prepare and present seasonal programs and events
- Learn to handle live birds and present bird programs to the public
- Help with school programs at the park or in schools
- Write interpretive articles for local newspapers
- Do local TV and radio interviews
- Prepare interpretive signage and flyers for programs and trail days
- Prepare for and present educational information at the local Farmers Market (summer)
- Perform non-motorized trail work
- Lead interpretive tours at the Huber Grove
- Supervise the fall apple harvest and maintain the Historic Huber Grove including apple tree care. This includes water line repairs, watering trees, weeding, upkeep of the house and creamery, etc....
- Work with geocaching program which includes filling containers and checking coordinates
- Post on the park's social media sites
- Input data into the computer
- Staff the visitor center when needed
- Other park-specific duties as needed

Internship Details

This position is currently unpaid, although a small stipend may become available depending on future funding decisions. However, the internship will provide excellent training for anyone considering a future in environmental education/interpretation. We request a minimum commitment of 10 to 15 hours a week, with up to 40 hours a week available. Scheduling is flexible and could include a variety of weekdays/evenings as well as Saturdays and Sundays.

Other Pertinent Details

Wasatch Mountain State Park is approximately 50 miles from Salt Lake City. Housing is not available; however, a tent site can be arranged for those interested in camping in the summer to save on travel costs.

To Apply

Send a cover letter explaining your background, experience, and why you are interested in our internship position, and a resume to Wasatch Mountain State Park, Attn: Kathy Donnell, PO Box 10 Midway Utah 84049. Or email Kathydonnell@utah.gov. For more information about Wasatch Mountain, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks/wasatch.

Applications Are Due: Ongoing