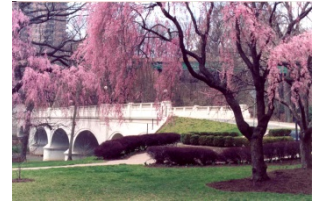


# Environmental Education Intern

## Alapocas Run and Wilmington State Parks

DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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### DESCRIPTION

In this position, interns will be working with field experts to become actively engaged in resource-based educational program delivery, research, and coordination. As a part of our Environmental Education Team you will be providing onsite and outreach programs to children and adults.

### LOCATION

Alapocas Run and Wilmington State Parks  
<https://destateparks.com/FieldsStreams/Wilmington>  
<https://destateparks.com/FieldsStreams/Alapocas>

### TERM OF SERVICE

6 months – Full Time 30-35 hours per week  
**Preferred Start** - March

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist Interpretive Program Manager and/or Lead Naturalist with environmental education and interpretive programming, and special events
- Interact with program participants, answering questions, assisting with activities, and ensuring participation opportunity for all attendees
- Help gather materials and assist in set up and clean-up for assigned program.
- May lead program or subset of program participants.
- Maintain tracking of program participants. May complete program report
- May perform program research and design of new programs.
- Other tasks as assigned and agreed upon.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Appreciation and understanding of the natural environment.
- Understanding of educational principles and techniques- experience in teaching or educational programming
- Presents program as instructed by Interpretive Program Manager and/or Lead Naturalist
- Pleasant and personable. Relates well with people
- Independent and responsible
- Work both indoors and outdoors, in all weather
- Able to stand for long periods or to walk trails accompanying participants
- Able to operate\ audio-visual equipment
- Able to communicate effectively with a diverse public
- Able to speak publicly in front of groups or audiences
- Ability to understand and follow verbal and written instructions
- Attends training and performs duties in compliance with Division and Park Customer Service Guidelines and Safety Guidelines

- Preferences given to NAI Certified Interpretive Guides.

#### PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Excellent people skills (especially with children)
- Fun spirited, creative, energetic
- Conscientious and mature
- Able to work as part of a team

#### DIRECT SUPERVISOR

The direct supervisor will be the Interpretive Program Manager at Alapocas Run State Park.

#### BENEFITS

- **Training:** A hallmark of the program, interns receive training from the field experts they will be working with. Includes Seasonal Interpreter Training and FA/CPR. In addition to this formal and informal training to successfully conduct their internship assignment, interns will have the opportunity to build associated skills and share real-time experience with park staff and colleagues. Training will be made available to the interns to further their personal and professional development.
- **Housing:** Limited co-ed housing is available, at no fee, for interns providing full-time hours (30 or more per week). If selected for housing, an intern will share a house, duplex or dorm facility with other interns.
- **Activities:** Interns will have the opportunity not only to visit ALL Delaware State Parks at no fee, but also participate in many of the tours, programs, and associated events for free. Delaware State Parks span the length of the state and whether it be canoeing at Trap Pond State Park, surfing at Delaware Seashore State Park, attending a concert at Bellevue State Park, or touring the living history facility at Fort Delaware, there is certainly something for everyone.
- **Stipend Available:** Interns are not employees of the State of Delaware- they are considered volunteers and are not paid for their service. Interns may elect to receive a stipend to help cover expenses incurred during their volunteer intern service. The stipend is a fixed amount of \$100 per week for service of 30 or more hours per week or \$50.00 per week for service of between 20 – 29 hours/ week paid biweekly as a direct deposit into the Intern's bank account.
  - The stipend is not a wage, but does count toward the total income on which the intern's tax obligation is based. Interns electing to receive the stipend will complete IRS Form W-9 Request for Tax-Payer Identification as self-employed and will receive a Form 1099 at the end of the year that reports the amount of income from the stipend. No taxes are withheld from the stipend.

**All Delaware State Parks Interns are required to undergo and successfully complete a background check performed by the Division.**

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