

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**

**INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

**EMPLOYER:** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friday, January 6, 2023

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, February 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

**\*\*STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE\*\***

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**POSITION TITLE:** Giant Springs State Park Intern

**# OF POSITIONS:** 1

**LOCATION(S):** Great Falls, MT – Giant Springs State Park

**WORK START/END DATES:** Flexible, roughly late May through mid-August

**HOURS/WEEK:** 40

**TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP:** 480

**TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES:** Beginning on the first day of work

**COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):**

- \$12/ hour
- Work shirts and hat will be provided
- State vehicle will be provided for work related travel

**POSITION DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK:**

Giant Springs State Park provides a dynamic, active, and progressive setting for the development and success of an intern. Giant Springs is the State's most visited park, with approximately 300,000 - 400,000 visitors annually. The park encompasses over 4,600 acres of diverse environments and landscapes. This provides ample opportunity for an intern to work with the public, conduct programs, and develop valuable work habits. These elements in conjunction with the project the intern will complete, provide for a well-rounded experience that will greatly benefit an individual pursuing a career in Park and Recreation Management and/or Natural Resources.

Major duties:

- Intern project – Interpretive tabling. Intern will be responsible for developing and delivering interpretive/educational programming at various locations throughout the park at least twice per week. Intern will set up a table with props and communicate with park visitors that pass through the site. Programming can encompass (but is not limited to) geology, hydrology, wildlife, history, or hydropower. Additional duties that will provide a well-rounded experience for the intern include:

- Assist visitors in the Ranger Station by collecting fees, answering questions, and providing information about the park.
- Assist with developing and delivering interpretive/educational programming for tour groups and at scheduled park events.
- Assist with maintenance in the State Park including noxious weed control, trash collection, trail work, infrastructure repair, and project work.
- Assist with special events such as concerts, performances, car show, or movie night.

**SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):**

Applicant must be able to communicate effectively (oral and written) and be comfortable speaking to large groups of people.

Applicant must be able to use computers effectively including Word, Excel, Power Point, and Publisher.

Applicant must be self-motivated and comfortable working unsupervised, be able to hike for distances of up to 5 miles and be able use GPS units.

Applicant must be able to perform manual labor duties such as trail work, weed pulling, painting, lawn mowing, etc.

Applicants can be undergrad or graduate students with majors in: Parks & Recreation Management, Environmental Education/Science, Education, Natural Sciences or Natural Resources.

Applicant must be enrolled in college.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):**

Applicant must submit: Resume, Cover Letter and 3 references

- Please include work experiences, education, trainings, special skills, certifications, interests/hobbies

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (; HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)**

No housing is provided as part of internship. The Ursuline Centre, located in Great Falls, rents dorm style rooms and has been used by employees in the past. Rent around \$10/night.