

Wilderness Educator Internships
6 month - May 13, 2012 – October 27, 2012
3 month - May 20 – August 11, 2012
3 month - July 29 – October 20, 2012 (two positions)

Baxter State Park, Maine

The Information/Education Division of Baxter State Park is looking for mature, self-motivated, and creative individuals for Wilderness Educator Intern positions. These positions will undertake natural resource-based projects, and provide public environmental/conservation education via public contact on Katahdin, children's programs, community environmental education, among other duties.

Baxter State Park has over 209,000 acres of mountainous wilderness and managed forest in northern Maine. It is home to Katahdin, the highest mountain in Maine. The Park is one of the largest wilderness areas in the Eastern United States and has many rare plant and animal species.

The positions will assist the Park Naturalist and Interpretive Specialist in the following:

- Perform foot patrol/public contact on Katahdin and other designated high use areas in the Park.
- Create and facilitate children's nature programs in the Park and in area schools/libraries.
- Participate in citizen science inventory/monitoring efforts, i.e. Mountain Plant Watch and Loon Count.
- Provide information/education to Park visitors at the Visitor Center.
- Update information/education handouts and signage.
- Oversee the coordination of and attend workshops, i.e., Project Wild, Project Learning Tree and Invasive Plants.

Training/education provided:

- Wilderness First Aid
- Leave No Trace 2-day Trainer Course
- Training on Park trails, including Katahdin and other mountains

Education:

Bachelor's Degree in natural sciences, education, or environmental education preferred

Desired abilities:

- Effectively communicate with strong oral/written communication skills.
- Demonstrate good people skills, including being outgoing and friendly.
- Hike extremely rugged terrain during Mountain Patrol.
- Work independently.
- Live in primitive shared housing or alone in remote situations without electricity.
- Work cooperatively with fellow employees, supervisors and management.

Requirements:

- Available to work the entire timeframe of the internship
- Current and valid driver's license
- Work a 40-hour week, including every weekend with Monday/Tuesday off.

Stipend:

\$300/week plus housing and a Park vehicle for work use only.

To apply: Either go to our website – www.baxterstateparkauthority.com and download an application or request an application by emailing: marcia.williamson@maine.gov.

Application deadline: Until filled.