



Natural Resources Intern Secure Your Job for the Summer NOW!!

Jefferson County is home to 22 public county-owned parks and several trails, spread out across the County's 373,000 acres. The Jefferson County Parks Department strives to preserve natural resources for public use and conservation. The Parks Department operates and maintains the Jefferson County parks with resource-oriented recreation, trails, and special use parks. The Parks Department also expands the parks system for environmental and land use benefits, as well as for the health and enjoyment of Jefferson County residents and others.

The Parks Department manages nearly 800 acres of conservation focused parks. These areas are dedicated to native plant and animal communities which are becoming increasingly rare throughout southern Wisconsin. The Parks Department maintains and restores these parks with various management tools such as the use of prescribed fire, herbicide application, and traditional forestry practices.

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP:

To maintain high quality parks and offer an excellent on-the-job learning experience in natural resources maintenance, the Parks Department is looking to hire a Natural Resources Intern. The Natural Resources Intern position will run approximately from mid-May through late August, depending on the intern's school schedule. This is a paid internship that pays \$15.00 / hour, with the potential opportunity to work 40+ hours per week.

THE GOAL:

Jefferson County will provide the intern with an opportunity to gain valuable work experience and training in the professional work environment of the Parks Department. This internship is ideal for those exploring career opportunities in a natural resource focused field.

THE WORK:

- Monitor and manage native plant communities throughout the parks system including the treatment/removal of invasive species.
- Mix, spray and spread fertilizers, herbicides, and/or insecticides.
- Operate and maintain various vehicles and equipment such as trucks and trailers, skid loaders, tractors, mowers, chainsaws, woodchippers, and herbicide sprayers.
- Assist with forestry operations such as planting, pruning, and removal of trees and shrubs.
- Complete general service on equipment including sharpening, greasing, oil changes, and general repairs and replacements
- Assist with the coordination of public volunteer projects, such as trail builds, river clean-ups and trash collection.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Currently pursuing a 2 or 4-year degree in a natural resource focused academic program such as environmental sciences, forestry, ecological restoration, biology, etc.
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent with some building and grounds maintenance experience including driving, trucks, trailers, and operating equipment.
- Have or willing to obtain a Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification within 30 days of the start of employment.
- Must have a valid Wisconsin driver's license.
- One to two years related experience and/or training. Preferred*

Application and position details are available at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov or Jefferson County Human Resources: 311 S. Center Ave. Room 111, Jefferson, WI 53549.

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