



Wildlife Care Internship

Maine Wildlife Park - Gray, Maine

A Wildlife Care Intern's primary responsibility is supporting the Wildlife Care team with husbandry tasks and education programs. This position is designed for the college student interested in working in a wildlife related field, or for entry-level animal care professionals looking to gain more experience. Works days and hours assigned by Assistant Superintendent; 18-24 hours over 3-4 days per week, 6 hours per day, 8am-2pm. Shifts are either Monday-Wednesday or Thursday-Saturday, with rotating coverage on Sunday.

The internship duration is from May-August. Two interns will be assigned Monday-Wednesday, and two will be assigned Thursday-Saturday. One intern will be scheduled for Sunday on a rotating basis. Limited extensions throughout the remainder of the season will be considered based on staffing needs and performance.

Job Duties

- Assists Wildlife Keepers with husbandry tasks (diet preparation, browse collection, habitat cleaning, feeding, watering, enrichment, dishes, etc.)
- Maintain routine cleanliness of food preparation areas throughout the day
- Frontline interpretation ensuring positive guest interactions, spending brief periods outside enclosures answering questions from visitors
- Assist Wildlife Keepers with Keeper Talks, education programs, and events as instructed
- Other duties as assigned

Necessary Skills

- Current driver's license and at least 18 years of age
- Ability to work in a team environment to help achieve MWP's goals and objectives
- Exemplify a professional, positive, and respectful attitude along with a strong work ethic
- Attention to detail and task management skills



- Ability to compromise, listen, learn, understand, and follow instructions
- Be comfortable working around captive wildlife
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to work up to 6 hours on your feet
- Ability to perform physically demanding tasks such as cleaning and moving up to 50 pounds
- Ability to engage with the public and diverse audiences providing information and assistance when appropriate

Additionally Considered Skills

These additional skills will be considered, but are not required

- Maine Wildlife Park is open 7-days a week, April-November. Preference will be given to applicants with weekend and holiday availability
- Some college or graduate coursework in a related field. Some examples may include Education, Interpretation, Wildlife Biology, Environmental Studies, Natural Resources, Zoological Sciences, Ecology, Animal Science, or other related topics of interest
- Application demonstrates how this opportunity will be a career building opportunity
- Experience with and passion for Maine's wildlife and environment

To Apply

- Email ben.barrett@maine.gov with the following:
 - A single page resume
 - A single page cover letter detailing how this internship would help you to progress in your chosen career path
 - 2-3 Professional references
 - Include month and date for earliest available start date and latest available end date