



Internship Opportunity Raptor Interpretation Intern

Spend a season in beautiful Acadia National Park as you share your interest in birds with the visiting public.

Full Season:	Mid-May to mid-October (priority given to applicants able to commit to the full season) (possible short seasons: mid-May to mid-August <u>or</u> mid-August to mid-October)
Work Schedule:	32 hours per week. Incumbent may work weekends and holidays.
Housing:	Housing provided by the park. Shared housing with one to three roommates.
Stipend:	\$100 per week (plus housing)
Uniform:	Two shirts, hat, jacket, plus \$65 to defray the cost of other uniform items
Transportation:	Transportation provided for job-related duties. Personal transportation recommended for off-duty hours.

Acadia National Park is home to peregrine falcons and eleven other migrating raptors. From mid-May through mid-August the raptor intern interprets the activities of peregrine falcons at Champlain Mountain, where peregrines have nested since 1991. From late August to mid-October the intern identifies raptors from atop Cadillac Mountain at 1,532 feet, where migrating raptors pass by each fall. The raptor intern engages thousands of visitors at these two sites, interpreting the natural history and conservation measures regarding raptors, as well as monitoring and collecting resource data.

Two to three weeks of training will be provided, including orientation to the biology of peregrine falcons, hawk identification, the park and surrounding areas, resource issues, and interpretive skills. This training will be combined with other training sessions tailored to align with the intern's experience and goals.



Required Knowledge and Skills

- Proficiency in public speaking and personal communication
- Knowledge of biology, ornithology, ecology, and/or related fields
- Ability to stand for long periods in varying/extreme weather conditions
- Knowledge and experience in using computers and related software
- Valid driver's license; personal transportation to and from work

Desired Knowledge and Skills

- Four or more years of college concentrating on biology, ecology, ornithology, natural science, or related fields
- Experience interacting with the general public
- Familiarity with raptors and associated topics
- Current first aid and CPR certification

For More Information

Visit <http://www.nps.gov/acad/supportyourpark/internships.htm> or contact Park Ranger Sonya Berger at 207-288-8803 or sonya_berger@nps.gov. To apply, mail a cover letter (postmarked by March 10, 2009), resume, and contact information (phone, postal address, and/or email) for three references to Raptor Internship, c/o Sonya Berger, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.