

AmeriCorps Natural Resource Management Member Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites

Duration of Program: August 15th, 2017 – July 15th, 2018

The Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites AmeriCorps Natural Resource Management Team Members will serve to make significant improvements to our unique natural resources across the state for their preservation and for the use and enjoyment of all Georgians and visitors. The Georgia State Park system operates 63 facilities across the state in the mountains, the piedmont and the upper/lower coastal regions each of which has important resource challenges that the members will engage through hands-on projects. A primary focus will be invasive species mitigation work since it is a significant contributor to habitat loss. Another major focus will be participation in controlled burns, a critical resource management practice. Successful members will emerge with an excellent set of skills for possible continued work in Georgia State Parks or other similar settings, as well as funds to be used for education.

Position Description: The GA State Parks AmeriCorps Resource Management Team essential functions will include, but are not limited to:

- Removal of invasive plant species from natural ecosystems;
- Restoration of grasslands and river cane;
- Protection of threatened Hemlock trees;
- Habitat restoration including American Chestnut trees and Monarch Butterfly/pollinator projects;
- Updating and re-blazing state park property boundaries;
- Trail improvements and repairs;
- Use of resource equipment including: chainsaws, ATV/UTVs, chemical injectors, backpack sprayers and skid sprayers, machetes, chippers, and state vehicles;
- Will receive the following training: CPR, 1st aid, ATV, chainsaw, fire, trail work, chemical (invasive), boundary and survey, and monarch and river cane habitat restoration;
- Participate in prescribed burns.

General Requirements:

- Positive attitude;
- Good communication and writing skills;
- Capable of strenuous exertion including long periods of outdoor work in various temperatures; heavy lifting, and operation of resource management related equipment and tools;
- Education or experience in resource management, environmental science or ecology;
- Well-organized;
- Self-motivated and able to work independently and with a team;
- Basic computer skills;
- A desire to learn;
- Flexible daily schedule;
- Flexibility to work weekends and some holidays.

Minimum Requirements/Qualifications:



- 18+ years of age;
- U.S. Citizen;
- Must have a U.S. Driver's license.

Preferred (but not required): B.S. in Resource Management, Forestry, Ecology, Environmental Science, GIS, Surveying, or a related field. (Experience may substitute for degree.)

Salary and benefits: Living Stipend. Eligible for health insurance coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan deferment and forbearance on qualified loans. Housing available. Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (funds to be used for qualified educational expenses) upon service completion. Variety of training and certifications.

Housing: On-site dormitory housing is offered. Room assignments are decided on a first come first served basis. No rent. Utilities included. Rooms include heat/air, bedroom, bathroom, cooking and common room with a television. Laundry facilities are available. Members provide their own linens, towels, and food.

AmeriCorps members will frequently travel to parks around the state to conduct projects and may stay for extended periods of time. During these travels the crew may utilize an RV camper trailer with heat/air, shower/bathroom, and kitchenette.

Interested applicants should submit cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least 2 references to: *Kent.Wall@dnr.ga.gov*.