



Olympic National Park Recruitment Opportunity Wilderness Resources and Revegetation Internship

Location

Olympic National Park is an incredibly diverse national park located on the Olympic Peninsula in northwestern Washington State. Known for its old-growth temperate rainforests, it is also graced with subalpine meadows and lake basins, glacier-covered mountain peaks, and one of the largest remaining portions of wild ocean coastline in the contiguous United States. In 1988, 95% of the park was designated as the Olympic Wilderness, "to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness."



Job Description

Interns will have a variety of responsibilities related to the management of the 877,000 acre wilderness of Olympic National Park. Interns should expect to spend at least 50% of their time working throughout the mountain, forest, and Pacific Ocean coastal areas of the wilderness. The additional time will be shared between the park greenhouse and Wilderness Resources office. **Duties include:**

» Wilderness Monitoring

Monitoring includes collection of trail and campsite data in the park wilderness, acoustic monitoring and assisting with a wilderness visitor use survey. Extensive backpacking, field mapping, and GIS/GPS data gathering is involved as well. Time is spent in the office entering data and analyzing results that are applied to on-the-ground management.

» Greenhouse Maintenance

Includes native plant propagation and care, transplanting, collection of seeds and cuttings and upkeep of greenhouse and nursery facilities.

» Revegetation & Rehabilitation

Revegetation occurs primarily in September and October and includes soil preparation, placement of erosion control structures, and transplanting thousands of plants into damaged wilderness and front country sites. Revegetation project work is labor-intensive and often takes place during wet, cold, and sometimes snowy conditions.

Qualifications

Experience with hiking/backpacking and gardening or greenhouse work is desirable but not mandatory. It is imperative however that interns be in excellent physical condition and able to hike over rough terrain with a loaded backpack in inclement weather.

Interns also need to be able to live and work closely (hiking, camping and sharing housing) with a crew of employees and other volunteers or interns.

Training

Extensive onsite training in wilderness ethics and revegetation provided.

Internship Dates

A June start date is preferable. Interns are required to work through end of September. End date is non-negotiable and is a key screening criterion.

How to Apply

Apply online at: volunteer.gov
Interns must be 18 years or older.

