



*Missouri State Parks – a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources*

## **Seasonal Interpreter – Park Naturalist or Historic Site Interpreter Work Opportunities with Missouri State Parks**

Missouri State Parks is filling positions as seasonal interpreters, naturalists or historic site interpreters in Missouri state parks and historic sites. Staff is employed throughout the year, but primarily during the summer season of high visitation or for special events. This work provides valuable experience in a possible career path.

**Minimum Job Requirements:** Attending a college or university with at least a freshman standing and majoring in any of the natural sciences, history, cultural resource management, outdoor recreation, or interpretive services; or have work experience as an interpreter with an agency charged with natural or cultural resource responsibilities.

**General Work Responsibilities:** Seasonal interpreters plan and present programs and activities for park visitors. Seasonal employees may also assist the research and resource management projects. Specific responsibilities vary from site to site.

### **Duties could include, but not limited to:**

- The development and presentation of original interpretive programs such as nature walks, stargazing programs, historical tours, first-person interpretations and campfire programs.
- Research local natural and cultural history related to specific parks and historic sites.
- Assist in the care of interpretive facilities, nature trails, displays, and special natural or cultural features of a park.
- Provide information to the visitors concerning rules and regulations, safety, points of interest, and available facilities.
- Carry out regularly established interpretive programs developed by the full-time staff.

### **Training and other considerations:**

- Training in interpretive techniques, methods, evaluation and resources is provided through a 32 hour training school. The training is provided the week before Memorial Day Weekend starting on the Sunday before and ending on the following Wednesday. Students have the option of obtaining Certified Interpretive Guide certification through the National Association of Interpretation.
- Those unable to attend this required course will receive training at their respective park or historic site.
- All seasonal staff will receive work uniform shirts at no cost. Housing is available in selected parks.

### **Application Process:**

- Using the Seasonal Interpretive Opportunities list found on the Missouri State Parks webpage, choose parks and sites to which you would like to apply.
- Fill out the State of Missouri Application for Temporary Employment and the Interpretive Seasonal Work Placement Application.
- Filling out these forms does not imply any guaranteed interview for employment or actual employment with the Department of Natural Resources on a seasonal or full time basis.
- Applications are accepted year round by parks and historic sites. Hiring primarily occurs in the late spring for summer employment. The earlier the application is received the more likely an interview or hiring will occur.
- Mail completed forms to the contact person listed for each park or historic site to which you would like to apply.

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