

Natural Resource Management Specialist

Full-time, year round

Hourly, Non-Exempt



Objective:

The Natural Resource Management Specialist works directly under the Director of Education and Natural Resources in the Department of Education and Natural Resources to protect the natural resources within the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation property and to maintain the trail system within the park. An ideal candidate will be self-motivated, have an appreciation for many aspects of nature as well as a solid background knowledge of the flora and fauna and ecological systems of Western North Carolina. They must be physically capable of leading and completing trail maintenance and hiking on rugged trails, able to work independently and as part of a team, supervise multiple employees, possess good public speaking and customer service skills, and have the ability to look critically at natural resources in order to make an educated decision on how to manage the area. The Natural Resource Management Specialist will supervise seasonal Resource Management Technicians as well as a seasonal Research Coordinator. The candidate must be able to work weekends and holidays, during emergencies, and must be able to work closely with other employees, volunteers, general public, North Carolina State Park staff and other agency partners, and be able to adapt to fulfill whatever role is needed in the park.

Major Duties:

- Serving as a frontline representative of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation
- Supervising the maintenance of the Grandfather Mountain trail system through regular maintenance, education and inspections
- Creating and implementing natural resource management plans for the resources within the park
- Supervising and being the point contact for scientific research taking place on the park property
- Serving on the Grandfather Mountain Medical Response team and taking appropriate action following established guidelines and procedures
- Patrolling park trails to answer questions and ensure visitors are acting in a safe manner
- Educating visitors of resource management practices to ensure the health of our endangered species on Grandfather Mountain
- Conducting inventories, surveys and management of various flora and fauna inside the park property
- May serve as a parking attendant and assist in trash pickup in various capacities
- Other duties will be assigned as necessary

Qualifications:

- Possession of a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resource Management, Recreation Management, Forestry, Biology, Environmental Studies, or a related field
- Medical First Responder certification or higher level medical certification, or ability to get certified within the first year of employment
- Ability to supervise others
- Public speaking ability and good communications skills
- Ability to take initiative and work individually or as part of a team with minimal direct supervision
- Extensive background in planning and implementing trail maintenance projects
- North Carolina Pesticide Applicator license, or ability to get certified within two years of employment
- Reliable transportation (occasionally we use personal vehicles to get around the park)

Qualifications, continued.

- Experience coordinating volunteer groups
- Experience conducting surveys or inventories of various flora and fauna
- Ability to manage and organize multiple tasks at the same time
- Capable of understanding complex relationships between ecological communities and the species that are associated with them

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