



# MAINE WILDLIFE PARK

## Wildlife Care Internship

Maine Wildlife Park - Gray, Maine

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A Wildlife Care Intern's primary responsibility is supporting the Wildlife Keeper team with husbandry tasks and education programs. This position is designed for the college student interested in working in a wildlife related field, or for entry-level animal care professionals looking to gain more experience. Works days and hours assigned by Assistant Superintendent; 12-18 hours over 2-3 days per week, 6 hours per day, 8am-2pm. The internship duration is from May-August. Limited extensions through the remainder of the season will be considered for the right candidates.

### Job Duties

- Assists Wildlife Keepers with husbandry tasks (diet preparation, browse collection, habitat cleaning, feeding, watering, enrichment, dishes, etc.)
- Maintain routine cleanliness of food preparation areas throughout the day
- Frontline interpretation ensuring positive guest interactions, spending brief periods outside enclosures answering questions from visitors
- Assist Wildlife Keepers with Keeper Talks, education programs, and events as instructed
- Other duties as assigned

### Necessary Skills

- Current driver's license and at least 18 years of age
- Ability to work in a team environment to help achieve MWP's goals and objectives
- Exemplify a professional, positive, and respectful attitude along with a strong work ethic
- Attention to detail and task management skills
- Ability to compromise, listen, learn, understand, and follow instructions
- Be comfortable working around captive wildlife
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to work up to 6 hours on your feet
- Ability to perform physically demanding tasks such as cleaning and moving up to 50 pounds
- Ability to engage with the public and diverse audiences providing information and assistance when appropriate



### **Additionally Considered Skills**

#### **These additional skills will be considered, but are not required**

- Maine Wildlife Park is open 7-days a week, April-November. Preference will be given to applicants with weekend and holiday availability
- Some college or graduate coursework in a related field. Some examples may include Education, Interpretation, Wildlife Biology, Environmental Studies, Natural Resources, Zoological Sciences, Ecology, Animal Science, or other related topics of interest
- Application demonstrates how this opportunity will be a career building opportunity
- Experience with and passion for Maine's wildlife and environment

#### **To apply, please email [ben.barrett@maine.gov](mailto:ben.barrett@maine.gov) with the following:**

- A single page resume
- A single page cover letter detailing how this internship would help you to progress in your chosen career path
- Include month and date for earliest available start date, latest available end date, and any planned time off