

Internship Title: Trail Experience Intern

Internship Site: Essex Junction District Office – Field Based (State Lands in NW VT including Camel’s Hump State Park, west side of Mt. Mansfield, Bolton Nordic & Backcountry, Niquette Bay State Park, Law Island State Park, and other locations in the District)

Description: This internship will provide the student with exposure to a variety of tasks involved with managing recreation on public land.

Interpretive Project (2 projects, intern can choose 1):

A key component of ensuring a high-quality visitor experience is providing new and returning visitors with information about a site as well as best practices for enjoying their time there. Both options come with the opportunity to meet and interact with the Forests & Parks & Education Information Chief, who is the expert in interpretative work for the Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

1. Camel’s Hump View Trail: The selected student will have the opportunity to help create trailhead interpretive signage for the Camel’s Hump View Trail in Camel’s Hump State Park. This is a 0.8 mile universally accessible trail that currently has 7 benches and rest areas along it. The student will create content for 7 trailside interpretive panels to be posted at each rest area along the trail. The student will work with the Forest Recreation Specialist to identify the best way to utilize this opportunity. There will likely be an interest in incorporating natural history as well as human history.
2. Friends of Bolton: The selected student will have the opportunity to learn about the history of the Bolton Nordic Trails and the group of folks who continue to maintain them. Through both internet research and in-person interviews the intern will create interpretive panels that tell the story of the Friends of Bolton and the work they have done in the past, the work they did to conserve the land, and how they are currently involved in public land management as a partner organization. This work is associated with land in the town of Bolton in Mt. Mansfield State Forest.

Data Collection

The Forest Recreation Specialist currently has trail counters set-up at approximately 10 trailheads

- If asked to log in: click “UVM Net ID Login” & login.
- Click the Favorite button to enable easier searches in the future.

Meghan Young – Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, Aiken 219 Emily LeForce – Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub Cathy Shiga-Gattullo – Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub

8. If you are selected to interview for a Perennial Internship, you will be contacted by the site to set up an interview during late February to early March.