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### Historical Research at Fort Macon

Join our team at Fort Macon State Park and delve into the rich history of the fort with our Historical Research Internship project. As an intern, you will engage in in-depth historical research to uncover fascinating insights about Fort Macon's past, contributing to the development of exhibits and public programs. This hands-on opportunity offers invaluable experience in archival research, interpretation, and storytelling. Work closely with park staff and historians to bring Fort Macon's captivating stories to life for visitors from near and far.

Housing is provided for this internship project, if needed.

**Preferred Majors:** Biology, Forestry, Parks and Recreation, Public Administration, Ecology, History, Education, Museum Studies

**Location:** Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach, Carteret County, NC

### Conservation Biology at Fort Macon

Join our team at Fort Macon State Park for an exciting opportunity to contribute to biodiversity conservation through our Natural Resources Inventory project, which includes participation in the Carolinas Butterfly Monitoring Program (CarBMP). As an intern, you will conduct surveys and data collection efforts aimed at studying the flora and fauna diversity within the park. This project expands beyond butterflies to encompass a broader scope of natural resources, providing hands-on experience in biodiversity monitoring and ecological research. Work alongside staff to help preserve and protect the diverse ecosystem of Fort Macon State Park.

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### Fishing at Hanging Rock

Examine and understand existing fishing pier and fishing opportunities and types of aquatic species in Hanging Rock State Park. The intern will create signage with images and wording to help anglers understand rules and regulations regarding fishing and boating on Hanging Rock Lake, such as size and creel limits for different fish. The intern will be physically installing the signage using basic carpentry and labor skills. Park staff will assist on all aspects of the project.

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**Location:** Hanging Rock State Park, Danbury, Stokes County, NC

### Visitor Trail Behavior at Hanging Rock

Examine and understand the steep terrain, geology, unique plant life, and undisturbed animal habitat that exists along the newly built section of Hanging Rock Trail. Using this information, the intern will create signage with images and wording to help park visitors understand why it is important to stay on the trail in this delicate section. The intern will also be physically installing signage using basic carpentry and labor skills. Park staff will assist with oversight on all aspects of the project.

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### **Oral History Project at Carvers Creek (2 Interns)**

Research and be a part of collecting and preserving the history of Carvers Creek State Park. You will work with the community and park staff to identify community members with memories and experiences on the park land and interview them to collect oral histories. Hunting camp and turpentine production were a couple of the land uses in recent years, and the history and people's stories will be part of the exhibits being created for the Rockefeller House renovation.

There is no housing available at Carvers Creek State Park.

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**Location:** Carvers Creek State Park, Spring Lake, Cumberland County, NC

### **Year of the Bear Programming at Mount Mitchell**

Come hone your interpretive skills at Mount Mitchell State Park. You will develop and implement interpretive programs based on the park's natural, historical, and cultural resources, with a special focus on bear awareness programs for NC State Parks' Year of the Bear theme.

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### **Event Programming at New River**

Develop your programming skills at New River State Park and Mount Jefferson State Natural Area. You will develop and implement interpretive programs based on the park's natural, historical, and cultural resources, with a focus on two summer events: the New River Canoe Race and eastern hellbender surveys (Hellbender Week).

Housing is provided for this internship project, if needed.

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**Location:** New River State Park, Laurel Springs, Ashe and Alleghany counties, NC

### **Biology Studies in the Piedmont**

Explore your passion for natural resource management through several summer project experiences, including longleaf coring and aging project at Carvers Creek State Park, mapping of rare and threatened species at Mitchell Mill State Natural Area, and seep/wetland mapping at Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve and Carvers Creek State Park.

Intern is based at the Nature Research Center, and housing is available at William B. Umstead State Park, if needed.

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**Location:** Nature Research Center, Raleigh, Wake County, NC



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### **Fire Management**

The use of prescribed fire allows the Division to accomplish a number of goals, including the removal of hazardous fuel levels, the reduction of wildfire risk to neighboring properties, the protection of biological diversity, the protection of rare species and their habitats, and the opportunity to provide the public with timely information on an important environmental education topic.

The internship will begin with getting certified as a Wildland Firefighter Type 2 after completing National Wildfire Coordinating Group Courses in S-130 Firefighter Training, S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, and L-180 Human Factors on the Fireland as well as Federal Emergency Management Agency Courses in IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System and IS-700 Introduction to the National Incident Management System.

Under close supervision, the intern will receive on-the-job training in wildland fire management activities such as prescribed fire implementation, public outreach, and administration. The candidate may be responsible for reviewing plans, making maps, or utilizing a drip torch to light vegetation on fire.

Intern is based at the Yorkshire Operations Building at Falls Lake State Recreation Area, and housing is available at William B. Umstead State Park, if needed.

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**Location:** Yorkshire Operations Building, Raleigh, Wake County, NC