

Cleveland Metroparks Service Learning Opportunities in Natural Resource Management

Position Description

Three openings for a service-learning opportunity will be available during 2024 summer break. No experience is needed and training is provided for those with an interest in exploring the natural resources profession.

These positions provide a variety of hands-on field experiences and develop skills in areas such as invasive plant management, native plants, and green infrastructure maintenance. *If comfortable with herbicide application, students are able to become an Ohio Trained Serviceperson in herbicide utilization.*



Work Environment

- The Natural Resources Area Manager-Central will serve as a mentor.
- Volunteers will report to the West Creek Management Center located at 1969 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma. The center is 0.3 miles from an RTA bus stop on Routes 53-53A.
- Volunteers will work on projects throughout Cleveland Metroparks.

Requirements

- A minimum 180-hour commitment including 4+ hour blocks of time at least three times a week
- Priority will be given to applicants willing to commit greater amounts of time
- Interest in and enthusiasm for learning about a natural resources career
- Positive disposition and demonstrated work ethic
- Willingness to work in adverse weather conditions including rain, high or low temperatures, high humidity, insects, and difficult terrain
- Ability to walk up to 2-miles daily in challenging terrain
- Ability to carry a 30-pound pack for 4 hours a day
- Willingness to learn a variety of land management techniques including how to operate the relevant tools and equipment
- Willingness to carry out responsibilities in a safe and efficient manner
- Compliance with Cleveland Metroparks policies including a tobacco-free workplace
- Equipment provided by volunteer: a durable water bottle, sturdy outdoor footwear and pants
- Driver's license not required



To Apply

- Applications will be accepted through March 1st
- Submit resume and cover letter to Valerie Carter-Stone at vcs@clevelandmetroparks.com

