

Employment Opportunity with Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves

Position: Natural Areas Technician
Duration: 6-month or 9-month positions available



Position Summary

We are looking to hire technicians to help manage our natural areas across the state. Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves protects some of the last remaining expanses of intact, high-quality ecosystems in Kentucky. Your efforts will aid in the protection of rare species and the restoration of important ecological communities throughout the state. If you love to travel, work outdoors in a natural setting, and don't mind getting your hands dirty, join our team! Best perk of the job is getting paid to hike at the coolest natural areas in the state.

Duties include:

- Be a part of OKNP's prescribed fire crew
- Nature Preserve's trail maintenance & construction
- Property boundary marking & patrolling
- Brush & tree removal
- Invasive species management
- Equipment maintenance
- General upkeep of preserve parking areas
- Providing work reports



Spring 2022 OKNP Prescribed Fire Crew

Minimum Requirements:

- Thirty credit hours in college biology, natural resources, or a related field; OR a high school diploma and one year of experience in a natural resources job
- Applicants must possess a valid driver's license
- Applicants must be able to conduct strenuous labor and carry up to fifty-pound objects (e.g., backpacks) for extended periods of time under adverse field conditions and over uneven terrain
- Applicants must participate in prescribed fire (all necessary trainings will be offered on the job)
- Willingness and ability to travel overnight (up to five days at a time)
 - State vehicles provided, meals and lodging reimbursed
- Seldom weekend or alternative hours may be required for specific projects

Desired Skills:

- Ability to safely operate and maintain equipment, such as chainsaws, string trimmers, leaf blowers, brush cutters, power tools, pump units, ATV and 4WD vehicles
- Priority will be given to individuals certified by NWCG as FFT2 firefighter, or who have fire experience, or other comparable qualifications

Working Conditions:

- Selected candidates may be exposed to biting/stinging insects, venomous snakes, poison ivy, and adverse weather conditions (precipitation, temperature, and humidity extremes)
- Individuals often work in remote areas away from facilities and roads

How to Apply: Interested individuals should send an electronic copy of your resume to heidi.braunreiter@ky.gov. Contact Heidi Braunreiter with any questions at (502) 330-4705 or by email.