



2024 Internship Opportunities

The Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex in partnership with Shoreline Education for Awareness provides full-time (40-hours/week) internships. Interns gain hands-on experience alongside wildlife biologists, refuge managers, park rangers, and volunteers.

Applications due: January 22, 2024

Refuge Management Intern:

~June 1 – August 30, 2024

Works with refuge staff to gain experience in habitat restoration, bird surveys, and visitor services. This position is stationed at Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge in Bandon, OR.

Duties include:

- Identify, monitor, map, and remove invasive plants to improve habitat
- Participate in coastal prairie restoration projects. Requires camping at a remote field site with no running water or electricity 1-2 nights/week
- Conduct weekly nest monitoring of black oystercatchers and other on-going seabird research projects
- Assist with bi-monthly mosquito monitoring activities
- Assist with refuge public outreach programs
- Opportunities to assist with other programs within the Refuge Complex

Wildlife Biology Intern:

~May 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Offers the opportunity to gain field experience conducting bird surveys and a variety of other biological field techniques. This position is stationed at the Refuge Complex Headquarters in Newport, OR.

Duties include:

- Conduct seabird surveys and productivity monitoring using established field protocols, which involve identifying birds by sight and sound
- Count seabirds from aerial photographs using GIS software
- Assist with the coordination of biology volunteers
- Assist with predator control, weed treatments, and burrow mapping on offshore islands
- Enter field work data into MS Excel and Access database



Requirements:

- B.Sc. preferred or some undergrad coursework in biology, natural resources, park management, or related field
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident under the age of 31
- Valid state driver's license
- Must be able to work independently and in groups
- Must have good observational and communication skills
- Schedule flexibility, including weekend, holidays, and morning/evening shifts

Benefits:

- \$1,600 monthly living stipend
- Free co-ed bunkhouse style lodging with laundry, wi-fi, utilities, and more included (sorry, no pets)
- Professional development, training, and networking opportunities
- End of term completion bonus
- Work vehicle and equipment provided (Intern is responsible for personal transportation needs)

How to Apply:

Email application packet(s) as a single PDF to oregoncoast@fws.gov by January 22, 2024.

Indicate the internship to which you are applying. Files should be named with internship name and last/first name:

OCNWRC_refuge_LastFirst

OCNWRC_biology_LastFirst

To be considered, all packets must have all three items in a SINGLE PDF and follow the naming convention.

Application must include:

- Cover letter that addresses the listed qualifications for the position of interest
- Resume documenting your work experience, education, skills, contact information, etc.
- Contact information for three professional references (must include email and phone number)

Selections may begin before the closing date, we recommend applying early.

Candidates are required to participate in a phone/MS Teams interview.

For More Information Contact:

Taryn Sutton
Visitor Services Specialist
taryn_sutton@fws.gov

Oregon Coast NWR Complex
2127 SE Marine Science Drive
Newport, OR 97365

(541) 867-4550

