



FRIENDS
of Buford Park
& Mt. Pisgah

Trail Steward internship, 0-4 Credits 2021 Agreement and Application

Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah (Friends) plans and implements native habitat restoration and enhancement projects in the Mt. Pisgah area. We use a variety of techniques such as native plant propagation, invasive species management, prescribed fire, and monitoring surveys to help restore and steward native riparian, upland, and prairie habitats.

Buford Park is a recreation destination for the Eugene-Springfield metro area. We always strive to ensure that park visitors can enjoy nature in a way that minimizes effects on the habitats we work to enhance and restore. Friends partners with Lane County Parks and volunteers to plan, design, build, and maintain over 25 miles of trail.

This Internship is a great opportunity to get experience in trails and public access. Come work directly with staff and volunteers in a beautiful setting.

Please note that it takes 15-20 minutes to drive to the Friends' Native Plant Nursery and Field Office from the UO Campus and about 11 minutes from LCC. There is no bus service to the park. Carpooling is encouraged and we can help connect students with ride options. Biking takes about 40 minutes from UO Campus and about 25 minutes from LCC. See driving directions below.

Schedule

Wednesday and Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm (7:00-10:00am summer term).

Fourth Saturday of each month, 8:00am-11:00pm.

First Tuesday each month, 3:30-5pm (Virtual).

The internship will begin the first Wednesday of the term. Longer days are an option due to scheduling conflicts.

Job Duties

Interns may assist in the following aspects of trails and habitat:

- **Survey/Monitoring:** documenting trail bed conditions, native and invasive plant populations adjacent to trail.
- **Invasive plant management:** manual removal of invasive species.
- **Maintenance:** weeding, mowing, and trimming trail sides.
- **Construction:** building and maintaining trail bed.
- **Research/Documentation:** trail construction and accessibility standards, trail use studies.
- **Volunteer engagement:** Lead volunteer work parties, volunteer recruitment.
- **Meetings:** join and contribute to trails committee meetings.

Interns are expected to:

- Arrive on time and work for the duration of the work shift.
- Follow directions, ask questions and communicate clearly.
- Complete or make progress on tasks as assigned.
- Log all hours spent working on the internship.

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- Wear clothing that can get dirty, be aware of the weather and dress in layers. We will be working outside even if it is cold and rainy, or hot and sunny.
- Attend to personal safety, stay hydrated, be aware of surroundings and promptly report any injuries.

Conscientious interns who communicate regularly and fulfill their duties responsibly will gain valuable work experience in this field and can expect to receive a positive written recommendation.

To apply, fill in the form below and email to our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@bufordpark.org

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Academic Department and Year in Studies:

Term for this Internship (circle one): **Winter** **Spring** **Summer** **Fall**

Number of Credits: **0** **1** **2** **3** **4**

For UO students, 30 clock-hours are typically required for each hour of academic credit. The Wednesday/Friday morning schedule (plus one Saturday morning and one Tuesday afternoon meeting per month) over a ten-week term will yield 70 hours, enough for 2 credits. If additional credits are desired, you will need to work additional hours. These can be worked at the nursery, conducting research, or working on an approved project. For LCC students, 36 hours are required per credit, with a 3-credit minimum for 108 hours.

What is your intended weekly schedule for completing additional hours required?

Please list your goals for the internship. If applying for more than 2 credits, list any research interests or proposals:

Your related academic or work experience:

I agree to do my best to meet the expectations listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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DIRECTIONS TO NURSERY: 34639 Frank Parrish Rd.

From UO:

Head east on Franklin Blvd and get on I-5 heading south. Take the 30th avenue (LCC) exit. At the first stoplight stay to the right, heading south on McVay Hwy (the road paralleling the freeway) approximately 3/4 mile to another stoplight. Turn left on 30th and cross over I-5. Turn left again at the stop sign (Franklin Boulevard). Take the next right after the Shell station (Franklin Boulevard East) and pass under the railroad tracks. After the road curves to the right take the next left onto Seavey Loop and follow it east all the way to the mountain (Mt. Pisgah is ahead of you the whole time). After you cross the river, turn left onto Frank Parrish Road. (Do not go right to the main parking lot and the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum). Drive past the North Trailhead parking area and through the yellow gate to the left (not the cattle gate near the trail head). The gate will be partway open with a sign saying "event access only" (the "event" is the volunteer work party at the nursery). Continue about 1/4 mile to the nursery and park on the left side. You do not need a parking pass for the nursery.

From LCC:

Head east on 30th and cross over I-5. Turn left at the stop sign (Franklin Boulevard). Take the next right after the Shell station (Franklin Boulevard East) and pass under the railroad tracks. After the road curves to the right take the next left onto Seavey Loop and follow it east all the way to the mountain (Mt. Pisgah is ahead of you the whole time). After you cross the river, turn left onto Frank Parrish Road. (Do not go right to the main parking lot and the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum). Drive past the North Trailhead parking area and through the yellow gate to the left (not the cattle gate near the trail head). The gate will probably be partway open with a sign saying "event access only" (the "event" is the volunteer work party at the nursery). Continue about 1/4 mile to the nursery and park on the left side. You do not need a parking pass for the nursery.

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