

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**SEASONAL NATURE MUSEUM EDUCATORS (7 positions)**

**The following seasonal vacancy is announced in the Palisades Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation:**

**TITLE:** Park & Recreation Aide 3/Nature Museum Educator

**HIRING RATE:** \$17.66/hour, 40 hours/week, schedule varies and may include evenings, weekends & holidays. Free housing in a rustic cabin to share with another nature museum educator. Responsible for your own meals, transportation, laundry & housekeeping. Internet and cell phone capabilities are limited.

**LOCATION:** Regional Nature Museums, Harriman State Park, New York (Tiorati, Stahahe, Kanawauke, Twin Lakes)

**TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:** Temporary/Seasonal. Start Date: June 17, 2024, End date: August 21, 2024

**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:** Under the supervision of the Coordinator of the Nature Museums, the incumbent will be one of two co-directors at a nature museum in Harriman State Park. They will design, create, maintain, and interpret living and static exhibits for a small nature museum; collect and care for native reptiles, amphibians, and fish under the direction of zookeeping personnel from Trailside Museums & Zoo; conduct museum tours and nature programs for children of all ages; maintain a safe and welcoming environment where all people are valued and encouraged; establish and cultivate a collaborative and respectful relationship with the other staff and Coordinator; perform light facility maintenance; and dress appropriately, report to work punctually and work diligently. Incumbent will receive training in outdoor education. Duties may be performed in different areas of a very large park. Knowledge of video production and creative abilities are a plus. Learn more at: [YouTube](#), [Regional Museums Website](#), or by visiting us on [Facebook](#)

**OPERATING NEEDS:** A current college student or graduate in environmental science/studies, natural history, science education, outdoor/environmental education, ecology or related field. Experience in nature center or nature education may be substituted for the above. Working knowledge of flora and fauna, ability to work with youth of diverse backgrounds, and ability to handle and collect small animals. Applicants must possess a strong work ethic, be flexible and eager to try new adventures. Applicants must be willing work and live in an area with limited telephone communication and internet, and be an independent, productive and responsible individual. Candidates must be physically able to perform medium physical labor and work with staff in a collaborative environment. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age; have a valid driver's license, and be available to work weekends and holidays. **Transportation within the park is the responsibility of the applicant. Work-related mileage within the park will be reimbursed.**

**To Apply:** Complete a NY State OPRHP Employment Application (available in all park offices or online at [Palisades Region \(ny.gov\)](#)). Submit electronically along with your resume and cover letter, including three work/professional references with addresses, phone numbers and/or email addresses to Chris O'Sullivan at [Chris.Osullivan@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Chris.Osullivan@parks.ny.gov). Applications are reviewed as received.

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New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Harriman State Park Regional Nature Museums are under the direction of Trailside Museums and Zoo.

**Posting Date: 2/2/2024**

**Application Deadline: Positions filled on rolling basis, applications not accepted after 5/1/2024**