



Employment Opportunity **Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves**

Natural Areas Technician
Multiple 6 to 9 month positions available

Position Summary

We are looking for several Natural Areas Technicians to work as part of a team to help manage Kentucky's beautiful nature preserves. If you love to travel, work outdoors, and don't mind getting your hands dirty, check out this opportunity. You will be helping with trail maintenance and construction, invasive species management, brush/tree removal, boundary marking, and prescribed fire. The team will also be responsible for the general upkeep of the preserve parking areas, patrolling the boundary, maintaining equipment, and providing work reports. Your work will aid in the protection of rare species and the restoration of important ecological communities throughout Kentucky.

Qualifications and Minimum Requirements

- Thirty credit hours in college biology, natural resources, or related field, or a high school diploma and one year of employment experience in natural resources.
- Applicant must possess valid driver's license.
- Ability to safely operate and maintain equipment such as chain saws, string trimmers, leaf blowers, brush cutters, power tools, pump units, ATV and 4WD vehicles.
- Ability to do strenuous labor and lift and carry fifty-pound objects (backpacks, etc.) for long periods of time under adverse field conditions and uneven terrain.
- Willingness and ability to travel overnight for up to a week at a time (state vehicle will be provided, meals and lodging will be reimbursed).
- Occasional weekend or alternative hours may be required for specific projects.
- Applicants must participate in prescribed fire and will be offered any applicable trainings necessary to maintain qualifications. Priority will be given to those individuals who are certified by NWCG as FFT2 firefighter or have experience or other comparable qualifications.
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Working Conditions

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

How to Apply: Interested individuals may contact Josh Lillpop at (502) 782-7830 or by email josh.lillpop@ky.gov. An electronic copy of resume should be sent to josh.lillpop@ky.gov

