

2011 NFCT Stewardship Intern Opportunities

All Interns

The NFCT field season will run from June 13th to August 16th. Two weeks of training will be provided in the beginning of the internship. The first week of training will cover topics like living in the backcountry, food preparation, aquatic invasives, wetlands, floodplains, backcountry sanitation, and working with groups and volunteers. The second week of training will focus on trail building skills.

Roving Stewardship Intern

Our 2011 Roving Stewardship Interns (RSIs) will be on a five-person field crew performing stewardship activities across the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. The RSIs will take turns leading each week. We will have a minimum of five Waterway Work Trips (WWTs). WWTs are volunteer weekends where we will have up to 6 volunteers work with the RSI crew. RSIs will be responsible for project safety, project completion, and menu. Projects can include general trail maintenance, bog bridge construction, stone staircase construction, stream bank stabilization, aquatic invasive removal, and sign-in box construction and installation. RSIs will be traveling and camping together. Work projects will be performed in NY, VT, NH, and ME. RSIs will have the opportunity to work with many land managers throughout New England.

GIS Stewardship Intern

The GIS Stewardship Intern (GSI) season will run from June 6th to August 19th. The GSI will be responsible for gathering and field verifying spatial NFCT infrastructure information across the entire trail. The GIS Stewardship Intern will also be responsible for constructing and installing up to 23 sign-in boxes across the trail. The GSI will start a week before the Roving Stewardship Intern (RSI) Crew to prep

sign-in box materials and receive GIS training specific to this season's tasks. The GSI will then be trained and travel with the RSIs, splitting their time between sign-in box installation, helping the roving crew on projects where needed, and GPSing points and lines across the NFCT. The GSI will also work a week longer than the roving crew to process all collected data at the NFCT office in Waitsfield, VT.

Allagash Stewardship Intern Crew

The Allagash Stewardship Interns (ASIs) will be on a two person field crew. ASIs will train with the RSIs for the first two weeks of the season and will spend the next seven weeks in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Maine. Each ASI will have the responsibility of leading a Waterway Work Trip or volunteer day. Up to four weeks will be spent building a stone causeway on the historic Tramway Carry. Constructing the causeway will consist of building two lanes of one tiered rock retainer wall and filling between with crushed rock. Work will require the use of a motorized wheelbarrow. During this time ASIs will stay in a ranger cabin located near the project and will canoe to and from the project site. A flat-backed canoe with a small engine will also be available for travel and transportation of materials. For the remaining three weeks spent in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway ASIs will canoe the 90-mile waterway performing stewardship projects along the way. During this time period the ASIs will be camping and staying in ranger cabins. ASIs will have the opportunity to observe how this unique resource is managed by the Maine Bureau of Public Lands and will receive trainings as needed.