

National Park Service

*How do you beat a
summer in Glacier?*



2011 Interpretation Internships at Glacier National Park

The Park

Glacier National Park, located in northwest Montana, makes up the core of the Crown of the Continent ecosystem. Old-growth forests, wind-swept prairies, ancient glaciers, and deep lakes are all part of this spectacular mountain landscape. Plants and animals of the humid Pacific Northwest meet and mingle with those of the Great Plains and northern forests. In the space of a few miles, visitors can travel from lush cedar-hemlock forests through alpine meadows to the edge of the western prairies. With over 700 miles of trails, the park is a hiker's paradise. Glacier National Park has nearly the same complete complement of wildlife as when it was established in 1910.

The Position

Park Interpreters are the public face of Glacier National Park. Interns in the Division of Interpretation are responsible for researching, preparing and presenting programs like guided walks and hikes, interpretive talks, boat tours, and illustrated programs on the park's interpretive themes (wildlife, geology, ecology, human history, climate change, etc). These programs are given in a diversity of park locations including campgrounds, trails, visitor centers, historic boats, and historic park hotels. Interns staff visitor centers and provide information and informal interpretation to visitors during fixed station and roving assignments.

Interns receive 80 hours of formal training in interpretive skills, customer service, bear awareness and safety, and natural and cultural resources; plus 40 hours of on-the-job training in presenting interpretive programs and park operations.

Additional training and professional development opportunities may also be available. If you love learning, sharing what you've learned with others, and working hard in a team environment, these positions are incredibly rewarding. Contact us for more details.

Required Skills & Interest	Employment Dates	Application Information	Position Locations
<p>Public speaking and presentation skills and abilities; interest and/or knowledge in natural and/or cultural history; ability to work independently and live in a remote area; valid driver's license.</p>	<p>Interns work 40 hours per week with consecutive days off. Summer internships run from May 26, 2011 to August 21, 2011 (August 27 or later preferred).</p>	<p>A resume, cover letter, and list of 3 professional references (names, title/position, and phone) should be submitted to the West Lakes District Interpreter by February 1, 2011.</p>	<p>These positions (up to 6) are located in the either the Hudson Bay District (east side) or West Lakes District (west side) of Glacier National Park. Interns may be based out of Apgar, St. Mary, Many Glacier, Two Medicine or Goat Haunt.</p>
Desired Skills & Interest	Stipend	Housing	Park Contact
<p>Background in interpretation, environmental education, biology, geology or history; training in CPR/first aid, EMT, or wilderness EMT.</p>	<p>Interns are reimbursed for living expenses at the rate of \$140.00 per week. A \$300.00 travel allowance is also provided. The park provides housing, name tags and uniforms.</p>	<p>Depending on location, housing can include dormitory, bunkhouse, and apartment or shared house. Housing costs are covered by the park.</p>	<p>For more information and to apply, please contact: Matt Graves, West Lakes District Interpreter, P.O. Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936. (406) 888-7942. matt_graves@nps.gov</p>

