



Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

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Outreach Notice

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USDA Forest Service
Region 8

Recreation Apprentice (Trails)

Apprentice / Intern Program

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Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area is seeking candidates interested in a RECREATION Internship opportunity in Western Kentucky. The duty station of this position is at Turkey Bay OHV Area.

The purpose of this outreach is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position.

Apprentice Qualifications: 4 years of college & valid driver's license

Position Dates: May 2024 – May 2025 Provided: \$300 weekly stipend + Housing

Outreach Response:

If you are interested in this opportunity, send a resume and the outreach response form below to Jared Baker at jared.baker@usda.gov by **5/01/2024**. For additional information on this position, please contact Jack Seisser at jack.seisser@usda.gov or call at 270-924-2195. Thank you for your interest!

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Position Description

This position will report directly to the Campground Manager and Campground Assistant Manager.

Responsibilities include operating within a gatehouse to sell permits/campsites to visitors, as well as explaining Forest Service rules and regulations to visitors. Trail work and field duties will also be a large portion of assigned responsibilities. Field work will consist of assisting the Assistant Manager/Manager in improving trail conditions, felling and bucking trees, patrolling trails in a Forest Service truck or UTV (If and when the apprentice become certified to operate a UTV/ATV), host annual events for OHV riders, and other recreation projects. It should be known that since we operate a recreation-based facility the apprentice will be working most weekends during their time at Turkey Bay, but will have many opportunities to use request leave when they desire it.

Throughout this apprenticeship there will be many opportunities to gain federal certifications for equipment such as Chainsaws, UTV/ATV, Tractor, and Trailer. The apprentice will be given many opportunities to gain as much experience as they would like on desired or assigned tools and equipment.

This is a great opportunity for any upcoming graduates or recent graduates to gain experience that would prepare them for a career in recreation/trails. At the end of the apprenticeship the apprentice will receive a Public Land Corp (PLC) certification that I greatly help them in pursuing a future position with the federal government.



About Land Between the Lakes

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area covers over 170,000 acres of forests, wetlands, and open lands on a peninsula between Kentucky (Tennessee River) and Barkley (Cumberland River) Lakes in Western Kentucky and Tennessee. This family friendly recreation area offers one of the largest blocks of undeveloped forest in the eastern United States.

With 300 miles of natural shoreline, lake access provides idyllic settings for camping, paddling, picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, wildlife viewing, and water sports. Over 500 miles of hiking, biking, equestrian, and ATV trails also weave through the recreation area.

Land management practices help keep the forest healthy, improve outdoor recreation opportunities, and serve as an environmental education backdrop to student groups and conservation organizations for best practices in habitat management, science, and conservation. Popular environmental education attractions on the unit include the Elk & Bison Prairie, Golden Pond Planetarium, Woodlands Nature Station, and the Homeplace 1850s Working Farm and Living History Museum.

Learn more about us at www.landbetweenthelakes.us



Nestled in the gently rolling hills and lakes of Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, the communities that surround us offer a variety of lifestyles and modern conveniences with the best features of small-town America- all within reach to major metropolitan areas.

The climate is mild and features four distinct seasons. The region is largely farmland interspersed with woodlands, lakes, wetlands, and streams. Outdoor recreation abounds with two of the largest manmade lakes in the country bordering Land Between the Lakes as the centerpiece. In addition to some of the best hunting and fishing in the country, a myriad of opportunities exists for biking, hiking, horseback riding, off-roading, camping, birding, and an array of water sports. Numerous state parks, wildlife refuges, and state natural areas surround the Land Between the Lakes area, providing additional opportunities for outdoor adventures.

Arts and entertainment opportunities include concerts, drama, exhibits, lectures, sporting events, festivals, arts and crafts shows, museums, and much more. Particularly notable are the area's bluegrass festivals, barbecue, antiques, and golf courses. The area is rich in history including civil war forts, the Trail of Tears, Fort Donelson National Battlefield, and historic communities.

Nearby full-service communities with restaurants, attractions, and shopping include Murray, KY (population 19,348), home of Murray State University; Benton, KY (pop. 4,469); Cadiz, KY (pop. 2,665); and Dover, TN (pop. 1,480). Cities Paducah, KY and Clarksville, TN are also less than an hour's drive of the recreation area.

Land Between the Lakes is centrally located between several major metropolitan areas. Interstate 24 provides easy access connecting us within 90 minutes of Nashville. We sit three to five hours from St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis, and Memphis. We're only a day's drive away from Chicago, Atlanta, Kansas City, Charlotte, and New Orleans.

More information about living in and around the Land Between the Lakes region is available on our website: www.landbetweenthelakes.us/visit/community/

