



WILD ALABAMA

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Position Title: Public Lands Intern - 2022 USFS

Responsible to: Executive Director

Position duration: 9 months beginning mid August into Spring 2023

Status: Temporary, Full time

Compensation: \$15/hour

Location: National Forests in Alabama specifically Bankhead and Talladega National Forests

Application deadline: July 31, 2022

Mission of Wild Alabama: To inspire people to enjoy, value, and protect the wild places of Alabama.

Overview: The 2022-23 Wild Alabama Public Lands Intern will be responsible for upholding the mission. The intern will help staff implement programmatic work in a learning environment that will foster a deep appreciation and knowledge of how public lands are managed for educational, conservation and stewardship purposes.

Programmatic work includes outreach, education and stewardship activities, as well as administrative aspects of nonprofit management. We work as a team and there is a lot of overlap and flexibility in our responsibilities. Willingness to adapt and learn are the key expectations.

Work hours will be flexible. Work will be a combination of remote, in the Wild Alabama office in Moulton, AL, or “in the field” (National Forests of Alabama). This internship is designed as a bridge to a permanent position with the US Forest Service, although this is not guaranteed.

Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 30 (35 if a US veteran and must be a US citizen).

Attributes:

- Demonstrate respect and affinity for the natural world and the wild places we protect
- Desire to be a member of a friendly and supportive team
- Demonstrate maturity, initiative, enthusiasm, sense of humor, flexibility, and a team spirit
- Enjoy being with people and meeting new people
- Demonstrate professionalism in appearance and behavior
- Be familiar with the outdoors and environmental issues
- Open-minded and love learning new things!
- Able to accept constructive criticism and guidance from supervisors
- Enjoy working with a team, but the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Be able to work well under pressure and comfortable with long hours

Preferred Skills:

- Have a high school diploma
- Have a working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, Publisher or a good working knowledge of Google Sheets, Word and Google Drive
- Experience with social media platforms, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Be a good content creator. Writing skills and good eye for graphic design.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Assist staff with ongoing programmatic work
- Attend virtual and online trainings and conferences relevant to public land management
- Possess and take care of a laptop, iPad, cell phone or any electronic device that is provided
- Ask questions. Learn. Think outside of the box.
- Be resourceful, organized, flexible
- Recognize any hazards to volunteers, visitors, or staff
- Act as a positive role model to visitors and fellow staff members

Maintain Certifications:

- CPR/ First-Aid certified or higher level of first aid training
- Possess a valid driver's license and your own personal vehicle

Benefits:

- Leave No Trace training
- First Aid and CPR certification
- Crosscut saw certification
- Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training
- Wilderness 101 course
- Opportunities for professional development
- Opportunities for pro-rated outdoor gear
- Mileage reimbursement for work related travel
- The opportunity to know that you are helping to educate about and protect the magical wild places in Alabama!

About Wild Alabama

Wild Alabama is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has its roots in forest protection going back to the early 1990s. To protect the historical, cultural and ecological treasures within, passionate ecowarriors stood against the abuses of clearcutting in the Bankhead National Forest. The Bankhead Monitor was born of this passion to save the land and grew into a grassroots movement that ultimately helped to shape the revised Land and Resource Management Plan of 2004 that shifted monoculture loblolly pine stands to a practice of restoration and appropriate reforestation. The Bankhead Monitor later evolved into a regional organization, Wild South, but in January 2021 was reborn as **Wild Alabama** and focuses entirely on the public lands in Alabama. Although our roots were of a contentious relationship with the US Forest Service, this relationship has evolved into a healthy partnership where we are in a mutually beneficial agreement to perform outreach, education, and stewardship activities on the Forests. See our [HISTORY](#) for more information.

Wild Alabama is an equal opportunity employer that values a safe, inclusive work environment, free from discrimination. We are committed to working towards equity in the outdoors and in conservation, including celebrating diversity, fostering inclusivity, and recognizing and working to address past injustices and barriers to equitable access.

To Apply

Please send a **cover letter** that conveys your passion for this type of work, along with **your resume** and **three references** (at least two professional) and their contact information to Maggie Johnston at maggie@wildal.org. Please have "Public Lands Intern" in the Subject line of your email. Feel free to contact Maggie with questions as well.