



Algonquin Provincial Park Park Interpreter – Algonquin Storyteller

Organization: Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Division: Ontario Parks - Algonquin Provincial Park

City: Whitney

Job Term: 1 Temporary assignment/contract for 16 to 25 weeks (starting May 15 2023)

Job Code: 41100 - Resource Technician 1

Salary: \$22.23 - \$24.10 Per Hour*

*Indicates the salary listed as per the OPSEU Collective Agreement.

Staff Housing: May be available upon request

OPS Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism:

We are committed to build a workforce that reflects the communities we serve and to promote a diverse, anti-racist, inclusive, accessible, merit-based, respectful and equitable workplace.

We invite all interested individuals to apply and encourage applications from people with disabilities, Indigenous, Black, and racialized individuals, as well as people from a diversity of ethnic and cultural origins, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

Visit the OPS Anti-Racism Policy and the OPS Diversity and Inclusion Blueprint pages to learn more about the OPS commitment to advance racial equity, accessibility, diversity, and inclusion in the public service.

We offer employment accommodation across the recruitment process and all aspects of employment consistent with the requirements of Ontario's Human Rights Code. Refer to the "How to apply" section if you require a disability-related accommodation.

What can I expect to do in this role?

In this role you will:

- plan, organize and implement the provisions of Algonquin Provincial Park's Discovery Program
- provide group leadership, information and advice with respect to the management of the parks natural and cultural resources
- involve local schools and groups in education and outdoor skill development in the shoulder season program

How do I qualify?

Mandatory requirements:

- You have a valid Class "G" drivers license or equivalent as recognized by the Province of Ontario to travel in and around the park and other parks where no other methods of transportation are available.
- You must have the ability to obtain a valid First Aid certificate.

- You have the ability to work shifts, weekends and statutory holidays as per schedule.

Knowledge:

- You are knowledgeable of resource management principles and techniques.
- Position requires knowledge of the native and invasive flora, fauna, geology, meteorology and/or astronomy of Ontario.
- You have knowledge of and the ability to interpret and apply relevant acts, regulations and procedures.
- You have knowledge of canoe tripping/camping, navigation and practices/techniques of outdoor living.
- You have working knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and those regulations made under the Act that apply to the workplace and the work being performed.

Interpersonal and communication skills:

- You possess strong presentation, organizational, and interpersonal skills to effectively interact with large groups of visitors and staff.
- You possess well developed oral and written communication skills to respond to inquiries.

General skills:

- You have demonstrated ability to provide recreational and naturalist activities such as guided hikes, guest speakers, children's programs and special events.
- You are able to work independently, follow and carry out instructions on own initiative.
- You have the ability to operate and maintain audio-visual equipment and cameras.

Computer skills:

- You possess experience operating personal computers and related software including word processing, record-keeping, internet and electronic mail.

Additional Information

Address: 1 Temporary, duration 16 to 25 weeks, Hwy 60 Km 43, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre, Whitney, North Region

Compensation Group: Ontario Public Service Employees Union

Schedule: 4.7

Category: Lands and Resources

Posted on: April 5, 2023

Please be advised that the results of this competition may be used to form an eligibility list of qualified candidates to potentially fill future vacancies represented by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU). In accordance with the Collective Agreement, eligibility lists are shared with OPSEU representatives. By applying to this competition, you are providing consent that your name may be shared with OPSEU representatives.

All external applicants (including former employees of the Ontario Public Service) applying to a competition in a ministry or Commission public body must disclose (either in the cover letter or

resume) previous employment with the Ontario Public Service. Disclosure must include positions held, dates of employment and any active restrictions as applicable from being rehired by the Ontario Public Service. Active restrictions can include time and/or ministry-specific restrictions currently in force, and may preclude a former employee from being offered a position with the Ontario Public Service for a specific time period (e.g. one year), or from being offered a position with a specific ministry (either for a pre-determined time period or indefinitely). The circumstances around an employee's exit will be considered prior to an offer of employment.

Remember: The deadline to apply is April 21, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

We thank you for your interest. Only those selected for further screening or an interview will be contacted.

Job Specification

Position Title: Park Interpreter

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Job ID: 195593

Purpose of Position:

As a member of the Algonquin Provincial Park Natural Heritage Education (NHE) team, under the general supervision of the Chief Park Naturalist and group leadership of the Park NHE Specialist, to assist in a variety of technical and program responsibilities for the park interpretive and natural heritage education programs.

Duties / Responsibilities:

1. Providing technical and operational assistance for the interpretive and natural heritage education programs by:
 - assisting with preparing and presenting interpretive programs, guided walks, recreational skills demonstration, children's programs and special events based on the themes and sub-themes of the park;
 - assistant with interpreting natural and cultural history of the park;
 - providing support functions such as projection, maintenance of park library, collection of statistics, advertising and overseeing the slide and digital photo collection;
 - assisting with preparing of stories for newsletters and news releases;
 - gathering and recording flora and fauna observations;
 - assisting with the planning and operation of the Natural Heritage Education program;
 - providing general maintenance such as housekeeping and minor repairs of Natural Heritage Education facilities;
 - promoting user compliance with park rules and regulations
 - acting upon, recording and reporting problems, violations and complaints to the duty officer;
 - assisting in the training and leadership of Regular Student and Summer Experience Program
2. Assisting other members of the Park team during vacation/sickness and peak workload periods.
3. Assisting in other ministry program areas as required.

Note: The incumbent shall while in the workplace, conduct themselves in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, and any workplace policies, procedures or practices as directed by their immediate supervisor, report all work related injuries and illnesses to their immediate supervisor.

Staffing and Licencing:

- Valid Class "G" Driver's License

- Valid First Aid certificate (or ability to obtain)

Knowledge and Skills:

- Basic knowledge of resource management principles and techniques as they apply to parks.
- Working knowledge of parks programs, services and operating regulations.
- Good presentation, organizational, interpersonal, oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work independently, follow and carry out routine instructions and work shifts, weekends and holidays as per schedule.
- Ability to operate and maintain audio-visual equipment.
- Knowledge of and ability to use personal computers including word-processing, record-keeping, internet and e-mail software applications.
- Working knowledge of canoe tripping/camping, navigation and practices/techniques of outdoor living.
- Knowledge of work responsibilities as outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act.