



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Volunteer Interpretive Intern
Position Description Summer 2021
Castle Rocks State Park & City of Rocks National
Reserve

The Mission of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is to improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship.

Outline of duties for a volunteer interpretive internship working at Castle Rocks State Park & City of Rocks National Reserve May through August 2021. The state park and reserve is located at Almo, Idaho and features beautiful granite pinnacles, monoliths and spires, a variety of recreational opportunities such as camping at Smoky Mountain Campground and City of Rocks, hiking, climbing, biking, birding, wildflower viewing, and offers access to a fish pond, archery course, solitude and near-by City of Rocks National Reserve.

The volunteer interpretive intern will provide general assistance with the Experience/Education program through participating in interpretive training, leading interpretive programs in the park, helping to coordinate supplies needed for park Junior Ranger programs, and general assistance with the Experience/Education program as needed. Requires a minimum of ten hours per week, maximum forty hours per week. Interpretive Internships work well for college students interested in learning more about the field of interpretation in parks. The internship experience can often be used for college credit. Interns receive training in interpretive skills as well as onsite coaching on working in a state park. An interest or experience in natural or cultural interpretation or environmental education would be helpful, but is not required. Applicants should have a strong interest in resource preservation and management, an ability to communicate ideas effectively, and enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with others. The relevant work experience can bolster the intern's resume and make them more competitive for future positions.

Free campsite and WiFi is available at the VIP campground near the maintenance shop. We also offer showers and laundry facilities.

Examples of specific duties include:

- Attend Interpretive Training online or at Harriman State Park (date/time TBD). Lodging and food provided during training.
- Lead interpretive programs at Castle Rocks State Park and City of Rocks National Reserve. This may include Junior Ranger programs for youth, family nature or history programs, guided walks, campfire programs, and other types of programs as appropriate for the park setting.

- Assist with park special events as needed.
- Help administer the Junior Ranger program and track supplies.
- General assistance with administration of Experience/Education program.
- Assist park staff where needed due to employee absences or shortages.
- Be a good steward of park property.
- Need to be able to work various shifts and some weekends.
- Need to pass interview with park staff.
- Provide a resume of work history, duties and 3 references.

To apply, contact:

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