



Cedar Tree Neck Ranger 2024

About us:

We are a local land trust dedicated to conserving the natural, beautiful and rural character of the Island of Martha's Vineyard. Our staff cares for natural habitats including miles of beaches, acres of forest, and numerous rare species habitats. As an accredited land trust, we manage over 2,300 acres of fee owned land and an additional 800 acres under conservation restriction across the Island. Our staff is responsible for planning and maintaining trails, caring for the land, restoring habitats, supervising public use, providing outdoor education and leasing land to local farmers. Our staff works together as a team to make sure our lands are providing ways for people to safely enjoy and connect with nature while ensuring preservation of the flora and fauna who inhabit our lands. Sheriff's Meadow is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our hiring practices. To learn more about who we are please visit sheriffsmeadow.org.

Function:

The Cedar Tree Neck Ranger maintains trails, removes invasive species, cares for goats, supervises public use, monitors shorebirds, and performs other tasks, as directed. The Ranger reports to the Director of Stewardship and assists and works closely with the Land Stewards, Land Conservation Assistant and other Rangers.

This position is a seasonal, hourly, non-exempt position consisting of up to 8 hours of work per day during the summer. The Ranger is not eligible for and does not receive benefits or holiday pay.

Duration of Job:

4 months, roughly from May 13th through September 15th. Start and end dates can be adjusted. There is potential for the position to extend through the fall.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Represent the Foundation in a professional and friendly manner at all times.
2. Assist Land Stewards in trail and general property maintenance.
3. Use power equipment and hand tools to trim and mow vegetation and to uproot invasive plants, as needed and directed. Hand pull weeds from meadow restoration project areas.
4. Care for goats. The goats are used as part of an effort to control bittersweet at Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary.
5. Provide assistance at Sheriff's Meadow summer benefit and occasional other events, as directed.
6. Provide a professional, friendly public presence for Sheriff's Meadow Foundation at Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. Greet visitors, answer questions, inform visitors of property rules, and enforce rules, as needed. Promptly bring questions and problems to the attention of Sheriff's Meadow staff.
7. Keep properties in tidy condition by cleaning up and disposing of rubbish and other debris.
8. Maintain trails and trailhead by trimming, cutting and mowing vegetation, as needed and directed.
9. Monitor piping plovers, if present, and enforce related rules.
10. Monitor trailhead parking lot and direct visitors to other parking areas when at capacity.
11. Perform other tasks as assigned.

Compensation: \$16.50/hour

Qualifications:

- Ability to greet members of the public and provide information in a friendly and professional manner, and to enforce property rules in a discreet and professional manner, as needed.
- Ability to work outdoors and walk long distances in varying weather conditions.
- Ability to operate mowers, trimmers, brush saws and similar equipment.
- Skill in identifying common trees and other vegetation of Martha's Vineyard.
- An interest in wildlife and invasive plants is desirable.
- An interest in conservation and in Nature Preserve management.
- Botanical skills not necessary, but desirable.
- Animal care skills not necessary, but desirable.
- Personal means of transportation is required; mileage will be reimbursed upon submission of a mileage log.
- First-aid and CPR skills are desirable, but not required.

Housing may be provided on a first come first served basis.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume and the names and contact information for two references to Noah Froh at froh@sheriffsmeadow.org. Applications are due by Friday, April 12, 2024.