



Summer Ranger 2026

Function:

The Summer Ranger supervises and records public use, educates visitors on property features and regulations, manages parking lot use and reservation system, monitors significant changes in trail, beach, and parking lot conditions, and performs other tasks, as directed. The Ranger reports to the Land Conservation Assistant and assists and works closely with the Land Stewards 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. Rangers are currently being hired for two properties, with an option to work at both if desired.



Squibnocket Pond Reservation (Aquinnah): Co-owned with the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, this property consists of over 300 acres of majestic dunes, windswept beach, kettlehole pond, wooded trails, and open meadows.

Cedar Tree Neck (West Tisbury): This iconic property consists of 400 acres of conservation land, with wooded trails weaving through glacial erratics and leading out to the Vineyard Sound. This property hosts several goats for the summer, which require daily food and water, as well as an Eastern Box Turtle named Johnny Sue.

Duration of Job:

4 months, roughly from May 31st through October 1st. Start and end dates are flexible. There is potential for the position to extend through the fall.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Represent the Foundation in a professional and friendly manner at all times.
- Record property use data, including number of visitors and vehicles at the trailhead and beach.
- Manage parking lot use, open/close gates, and operate reservation system.
- Educate visitors on property features and regulations.
- Maintain property cleanliness by picking up trash, recycling, etc.
- Regularly communicate with supervisor and other staff members regarding property use data, schedules, and property status; bring questions and concerns to the attention of supervisors.
- Daily care for goats and Eastern Box Turtle at Cedar Tree Neck.
- Provide assistance at Sheriff's Meadow Summer Benefit (Monday, July 20th) and occasional other events, as directed.



Duties and Responsibilities, continued:

- Occasionally maintain trails and trailhead by trimming and cutting vegetation, as needed and directed.
- Perform other tasks as assigned.

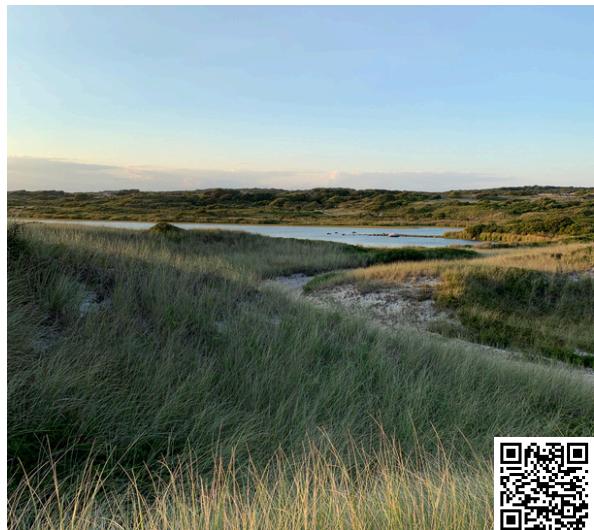
Compensation: \$18.00-21.00/hour based on experience

Qualifications:

- Ability to interact with the public in a friendly and professional manner, offering information and, when necessary, enforcing property rules with discretion and professionalism.
- Ability to work outdoors and walk long distances in varying weather conditions.
- Ability to operate basic hand tools for occasional property maintenance.
- Capable of working independently and cooperatively with other staff.
- An interest in conservation, nature preserve management, wildlife, and invasive plants is desirable.
- Botanical knowledge is not essential, but would be beneficial.
- Personal means of transportation is required.
- First-aid and CPR skills are desirable, but not required.
- Must be able to work weekends and holidays.

To apply to be a Summer Ranger, please send cover letter, resume, and contact information for 2 references to Noah Froh at froh@sheriffsmeadow.org by Monday, April 13th.

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 2,480 acres of fee owned land and an additional 999 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 that inhabit our lands. Sheriff's Meadow is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our hiring practices. **To learn more about us, please scan the QR code.**

