



Employment Opportunity Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves

Environmental Scientist II (Natural Areas Manager)

Position Summary

The Office of Kentucky Nature preserves is hiring a Bluegrass Regional Natural Areas Manager to oversee the implementation and development of management plans on select natural areas and nature preserves owned or managed by the Kentucky Nature Preserves. Duties include, but are not limited to, exotic species control, herbicide application, brush/tree removal, trail maintenance and construction, boundary posting, firebreak construction and assisting with fire management as a member of the burn crew. Individuals will also be responsible for the general upkeep of preserve parking areas, boundary patrol, preventative equipment maintenance, writing activity reports, and serve as regional contact for the public. The completion of these tasks will aid in the protection of rare species and the restoration of important ecological communities throughout Kentucky. Seasonal overnight travel state-wide is required.

Qualifications and Minimum Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources, Wildlife Management, Botany, or other related field
- Minimum of 1 year of experience in natural areas management
- Knowledge of invasive species and experience with herbicides.
- Applicant must possess valid driver's license.
- Ability to safely operate and maintain equipment such as chain saws, string trimmers, leaf blowers, brush cutters, power tools, pump units, ATV and 4WD vehicles.
- Ability to do strenuous labor and lift and carry fifty-pound objects (backpacks, etc.) for long periods of time under adverse field conditions and uneven terrain.
- Willingness and ability to travel overnight for up to a week at a time (state vehicle will be provided, meals and lodging will be reimbursed).
- Occasional weekend or alternative hours may be required for specific projects.
- Individuals should be self-motivated and able to work without direct supervision.
- Individuals with good plant identification skills are preferred.
- Individuals with experience operating tractors or skid steer machines is preferred.

Working Conditions

- Selected candidates are/may be exposed to biting/stinging insects, venomous snakes, poison ivy, and adverse weather conditions (precipitation, temperature and humidity extremes,) etc.
- Individuals will often work in remote areas away from facilities and roads.
- Salary \$2,924.52 per month.
- Full benefits, including health insurance and retirement.

Additional Information about the job class and salary can be found by reviewing the specs for "Environmental Scientist II" at <https://personnel.ky.gov/Pages/JobSpecs.aspx>

Applications accepted at:

<https://kypersonnelcabinet.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=8660&site=2>

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