



Hoosier National Forest

OUTREACH NOTICE

Archaeologist

GS-0193-9/11

Bedford, IN OR Tell City, IN



The Hoosier National Forest is seeking a qualified applicant to fill an Archaeologist GS-0193-9/11 position. The duty station will be either Bedford, Indiana or Tell City, Indiana. For additional information on the position, please email **Tesa Villalobos**, Heritage Program Manager at teresa.villalobos@usda.gov or call (812) 278-6336.

Prospective applicants may indicate interest by filling out a response in the Forest Service outreach database. The outreach notice for this position in the Employment Outreach database will be posted **through November 17, 2023**. Respondents will be notified at the time of the vacancy announcement. The position may be advertised as a permanent career ladder position, GS-0193-09/11 **as soon as November 15, 2023**.

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Position Description and Responsibilities:

This position will act as the Assistant Forest Archaeologist and will be supervised by the Heritage Program Manager. The incumbent will provide professional leadership, guidance, and expertise in historic preservation and cultural resource management in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and related state and federal laws, regulations and agency policy. This position will be responsible for carrying out heritage related activities in support of meeting the Heritage Program Managed to Standard and other project priority needs.

In addition, this position is responsible for the following duties:

Assists in ensuring integration of heritage and cultural resource activities with other program areas during both project planning and implementation.

Organizes, supervises, or directly performs archaeological surveys, identifying and recording pre-contact and historic archaeological sites. Work includes preparation of maps, inventories, reports, and records related to the discovery, protection, inventory, salvage, and interpretation of heritage and cultural resource areas.

Writes and reviews reports as part of project planning to evaluate the quality of the inventory, the completeness of the report, and the significance of heritage or cultural sites found. Prepares determinations of effect for such resources identified during project inventories. Recommends mitigation procedures.

Determines eligibility of historic properties for the National Register of Historic Places and writes National Register nominations.

Provides heritage and cultural resource management orientation to Forest Service personnel on statutes, regulations and purpose of work to be performed.

Interprets heritage and cultural resources to the public and professional contacts through presentations, education/outreach events, or in professional arenas.

As delegated, acts as Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or Inspector on IDIQ heritage contracts. Provides oversight and management for contracted or challenge cost share archaeological surveys and/or National Register of Historic Places evaluations, including coordination with contractors/partners and Contracting Officer. Conducts field inspections and review contract deliverables.

Assists in developing and carrying out projects related to stewardship enhancement and public interpretation of heritage and cultural resources, such as partnership agreements and site steward programs.

Contributes relevant Section 106 review documentation and reporting to NEPA analyses and document preparation.

Collects, organizes, and files geospatial data, produces GIS maps and updates GIS layers. Enters data into the NRM Heritage database.

Description of the Forest:

The Hoosier National Forest encompasses 204,000 acres in South Central Indiana stretching south from Bloomington to the Ohio River and is located within a drive of two hours or less from Cincinnati, Ohio; Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana; and Louisville, Kentucky. Two ranger districts include the Brownstown District in Bedford, Indiana and the Tell City District in Tell City, Indiana.



The Hoosier National Forest sits in the unglaciated hills of Southern Indiana. The Forest provides a range of opportunities and resources for people to enjoy. The many recreation opportunities including camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, mountain bike riding, and viewing scenery. The only congressionally designated wilderness in Indiana, the 13,000-acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness provides opportunities for users desiring higher levels of solitude. In addition, the Forest has over 265 miles of trails for hiking, biking, or horseback riding.

The Hoosier works to provide integrated resource management on the complex mosaic that make up National Forest System Lands in Indiana. Only 31% of the land within the Forest Boundary is National Forest

System land, this scattered ownership pattern adds a complexity to the management of this valued natural resource. Forest managers are responsible for protection of some very unique resources. The Hoosier is located in an area rich in caves and karst features. These underground features are largely unknown to most Forest visitors but are home to many species that are specific to these habitats. The Hoosier has five endangered or threatened species: the fanshell and rough pigtoe mussels reside in rivers to the south; the gray, Indiana and northern long-eared bats and their habitat occur throughout the Forest. The wildlife program on the Forest focuses on management to provide habitat for these species as well as many others that occur throughout the area.

The Forest works to maintain and restore sustainable ecosystems. The vegetation management on the forest focuses on promoting native oak and hickory regeneration, reducing nonnative pine planted to restore over farmed lands, and reducing nonnative invasive plant and animal species.

The Hoosier National Forest organization is non-traditional with an emphasis on placing resource specialists closer to the ground. Certain Forest-level staff functions that traditionally reside in a Supervisor's Office work in a team environment and serve as District-level program managers. This serves to broaden District interdisciplinary teams and improve technology transfer, customer service, and quality of stewardship. We view the Districts as the backbone of the Forest Service organization and emphasize customer service at that level. **Additional information and an orientation video of the Forest may be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier>.**

Tell City, IN.

The Hoosier National Forest Tell City Ranger District Office is located in Tell City and Perry County. Tell City is located on the banks of the Ohio River and was founded in 1858 by the Swiss Colonization Society for Swiss and German immigrants. Settlement occurred early due to the city's proximity to the Ohio River. Community development was directly related to river travel. The city recognizes its Swiss and German heritage each August at the annual Schweizer Fest. Perry County has a population of approximately 18,900 people, with an estimated 7,500 in Tell City. The area observes central time zone.

Major industries in the area include lumbering, manufacturing, and farming, additional area employers include ThyssenKrupp Waupaca, Mulzer Crushed Stone, Accent Marketing Services, ATTC Manufacturing, and Branchville Correctional Facility.

Perry County has 3 public elementary schools (1 in Tell City); 3 junior –senior high schools (7-12) (1 in Tell City). In addition, there are two private schools located in the county. Perry County also boasts a state community college campus (Ivy Tech). Perry County Hospital is located between the communities of Tell City and Cannelton. Housing in Perry County is very affordable. Median home values in Tell City are around \$87,000.

Perry County's rolling hills along the Ohio River provide amazing views of natural beauty, the area is well suited to outdoor recreation pursuits. Several boat ramps on the Ohio River provide access for boating and fishing. Five man-made lakes in Perry County offer water-based recreation opportunities.

Find more information about the Tell City area by visiting <http://www.perrycountyindiana.org>.

The following link contains videos highlighting the quality of life and schools in Perry County:

<http://www.pickperry.com/videos.html>.

Bedford, IN.

The Hoosier National Forest Supervisor's Office is co-located within the Brownstown Ranger District in Bedford, Indiana. Bedford is a full-service community of approximately 14,000 residents. Bedford has excellent schools, outstanding shopping, cultural amenities, and small-town atmosphere. Bedford is in the Eastern Time zone and features a broad-based economy. Major area employers include GM Powertrain, Indiana Limestone, Manchester Tank, and Stone City Products. Bedford is known as the "Limestone Capital of the World" because of the abundance and quality of the limestone which has been used on many landmark buildings in the U.S., including the Empire State Building and the Pentagon.

Bedford has five elementary schools, one junior high school, one high school (includes area vocational school) and Bedford City College, which offers adult education and college credit courses. Eighteen miles north of Bedford is Bloomington, home of Indiana University. In addition, Bedford is within commuting distance of six degree granting institutions. Indianapolis is approximately 70 miles north and is the state capitol.

Housing prices, for purchase or rent, are reasonable and affordable. Local services include a wide variety of places of worship, a library, two hospitals providing comprehensive medical services, and a variety of banking, shopping facilities, and restaurants.

There are several communities within commuting distance of Bedford. Links are provided below:

[Bedford, Indiana](#); [Bloomington, Indiana](#); [Mitchell, Indiana](#); [Seymour, Indiana](#)

Climate:

The temperature in southern Indiana varies north to south. Although Indiana sometimes has temperatures below zero during the winter, the average temperatures in January range between 17°F and 35°F. Rainfall is distributed evenly throughout the year. The average annual precipitation statewide is 40 in, ranging from about 35 in (89 cm) near Lake Michigan to 45 inches along the Ohio River; from, 1981 - 2010, Indianapolis had an average of 42 inches annually. The annual snowfall averages about 26 inches.

**Places of Worship:**

Churches representing all major denominations; as well as Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist and other places of worship; can be found in communities across the area.

Economy:

Real estate in the area is moderately priced, as are utilities. Tourism is a developing economic force in the area. In recent years, several wineries and craft breweries have opened, adding to the tourism opportunities in the region.

Healthcare:

Healthcare facilities serving the area include full facility IU Health Bedford Hospital and St. Vincent Dunn Hospital, in Bedford, along with full service hospitals and medical practices in Bloomington. Services at these hospitals include cardiac units, oncology and neonatal units. Other hospitals providing care in the general area of the Hoosier include Perry County Memorial in Tell City, Indiana; Deaconess in Evansville, Indiana; and University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. All the hospitals provide 24-hour emergency room physician coverage and specialists.



Recreational and Cultural Activities:

The region has many opportunities for outdoor activities as well as small town festivals and fairs. In addition, there is easy access to larger cities including Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; and St. Louis, Missouri.

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