



OUTREACH NOTICE

GS-5/6 Recreation Technician

Ironton Ranger District
Wayne National Forest
Pedro, Ohio

Please respond by May 9, 2011

An opening exists for a full-time Recreation position on the Ironton Ranger District of *Wayne National Forest*, in southern Ohio. We are located on State Route 93, Pedro, Ohio; seven miles north of the historic city, Ironton and the Ohio River.



Major Duties:

The Ironton Ranger District is looking for an individual to assist in all aspects of recreation management. The incumbent will maintain, repair, and monitor recreation sites and trails. This position will support activities in wildland fire fighting, fire prevention, prescribed burns and the lands and timber programs. The incumbent will be responsible for his/her personal safety, co-worker safety, and forest visitor's safety. Weekend and evening hours of work are required and other duties in wildlife, timber and lands.

Major duties include:

- Incumbent will inspect contractors work and lead work crews. The work may include **supervision of volunteers, seasonals, students, or prison crews.**
- Patrolling and cleaning dispersed area of the forest
- Working safely using all personal protection equipment required while applying all safety procedures
- Documenting all work in written reports and official database of record (such as INFRA, SHIP).
- Providing reports to supervisor and co-work on work accomplished and work items needed.
- Ensuring that all cleaning and maintenance supplies are requested and available when needed.
- Working with grants as available.
- Working in partnership **with volunteers and community groups** to maintain trails and recreation sites and to educate visitors on land ethics. The person is expected to presents a positive public image.
- The incumbent will work with co-workers in a productive and professional manner. Be personally responsible for contributing to a work environment that is free from comments or actions which are inappropriate or offensive to fellow employees or the public

- Designing and laying-out trails (training and travel as required)
- Working with contractors and become **Contract Office Representative** qualified within 12 months.
- **Become certified and maintain certifications to operate chainsaw, ATV, hand tools, vehicles, and heavy equipment such as tractor and mowers.**
- Incumbent will maintain qualifications for **Forest Protection Officer and provide Forest Protection Patrols** to provide public safety and to enforce laws and regulations as pertaining to National Forest System lands. Document and complete reports and enter into database of record.
- **Assisting with the suppression of wildfires and Prescribe Burns** (less than 25% of time)
 - Must maintain personal fitness to pass fitness level needed to meet fire qualification.
 - Performing fire suppression assignments within the scope of training and qualifications,
 - Maintaining fire personal protection equipment and fire supplies at all time for immediate use



Ironton Ranger District:

Recreation: The District has an innovative and expanding recreation program. Three all-terrain vehicle trails. The district maintains 60 miles of ATV trails plus 24 miles of horse trail. The lake Vesuvius Recreation area includes an archery trail, hiking trail, backpacking trail, 2 campgrounds, a boat launch and a beach. There are over 129-miles of trails. The District also offers a mountain bike trail and some of the best hunting in the area. Campgrounds, wildlife, hunting, and trails make the *Ironton District* a popular destination point for travel and tourism.

Special events held on the Ironton District each year include the Wheelin' Sportsmen Fishing event, which promotes and encourages persons with disabilities to explore recreation opportunities. Other special events include the Kids Fishing Derby, 5K runs and ATV activities.

Vegetation Management: Our vegetation management program produces approximately 2.5 million board feet (MMBF) annually. Hand and herbicide techniques are the primary means of reforestation and timber stand improvement. We are actively restoring oak hickory ecosystems. We maintain a mixed pine/hardwood ecosystem dominated by oak and hickory forest type with large blocks of land designated for a variety of timber, plant, animal and recreational objectives.

Endangered Species: The Indiana Bat is one of our key, resident endangered species.

Fire: Fire is considered an ecosystem component rather than a periodic treatment. The District program is small but growing and utilizes prescribed fire on approximately 1,500 acres annually to maintain pyrotypic communities and treat hazardous fuels. The district also has an active wildfire suppression program.

Cultural Resources: Vesuvius Furnace is one of several iron furnace stacks remaining on the Forest. A large Civilian Conservation Corps camp near the Iron furnace provided the labor to construct the Vesuvius Lake dam and Recreation Area.

LOCATION

The Ironton Ranger District is located in the southern part of the state at Pedro, Ohio. It contains covered bridges, rock shelters, springs and rugged hills covered with hardwood and pine trees. The district covers approximately 104,257-acres in Lawrence, Gallia, Scioto, and Jackson counties. Within a few hours from Pedro, you can drive to metropolitan areas such as Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Ohio - Lexington, Kentucky – Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Bordering states Kentucky and West Virginia make up the Tri-State area offering several state of the art medical centers, churches of various denominations, public and private schools, shopping plaza/malls and a wide variety of educational, sporting, cultural events and opportunities for all ages.

POPULATION

The city of Ironton's population is approximately 11,320. The population of Ashland, KY is 21,352. The population of Huntington, WV is approximately 48,982. The estimated population for the tri-state area, which includes 2 counties in Kentucky, 2 counties in West Virginia, and Lawrence County in Ohio, is approximately 288,650.

CLIMATE:

The Ironton, OH climate is warm during summer when temperatures tend to be in the upper 80's and cold during winter when daytime temperatures tend to be in the 30's. The warmest month of the year is July with an average maximum temperature of 88 degrees Fahrenheit, while the coldest month of the year is January with an average minimum temperature of 21 degrees Fahrenheit. The annual average precipitation at Ironton is 42 Inches. Rainfall is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. The wettest month of the year is July with an average rainfall of 4.8 Inches.

HOUSING:

Rental apartments are available in the city or county and in surrounding areas. There are several small communities or towns, such as Ironton, Coal Grove, South Point, Wheelersburg, and Hanging Rock in Ohio, to live in with close proximity to Pedro. There are also numerous communities across the river in Kentucky around the Ashland area. There are abundant opportunities for the purchase of nice housing in the area with prices ranging from \$50,000 to \$225,000 plus.

CHILD CARE:

The Forest Service building is not equipped to handle childcare; however, there are several options available in the local area to accommodate children, ranging from infant care through teens.

CHURCHES:

There are many churches in the area representing more than a dozen religious denominations.

MEDICAL:

A great selection of health care is available, including doctors, dentists, and specialists. Kings Daughter Medical Center is located in Ashland, KY and is ranked as one of the top hospitals in the nation for heart care. Kings Daughter is also rated as one of the top 100 companies to work for. There are several other hospitals in the area within a short drive.

EDUCATION:

There are numerous public senior/junior high schools, and elementary schools. We have two private church school, covering K-12th grade. Ohio University Southern Campus is also located in Ironton. Marshall University is 45 minutes away in Huntington, WV, Shawnee State University is 30 minutes away in Portsmouth, OH, and Ashland has several technical colleges.

SHOPPING:

Ironton has a moderate selection of shopping opportunities available, including many small specialty shops within the area. Ashland has 2 malls and is located approximately 13 miles from Ironton.

ARTS / CULTURE:



Ironton has one of the longest running Memorial Day parades in the nation. In addition to this great tradition Ironton host several other festivals throughout the year. Within the surrounding areas of Ashland, KY and Huntington, WV there are many theaters, art exhibits, museums, and community events throughout the year.

RECREATION:

Excellent opportunities are available for hunting and fishing in the local area, as well as the whole state. There are several water-related areas, with 73 State Parks, 21 State Forests, and amusement parks within a few hours drive. Ohio is proud to have many cultural, historic and festive attractions.

There is a powerful tradition of sports in the area; including baseball, football, soccer, tennis, golf, racquetball, and swimming.



TRAVEL:

Columbus, the state capitol, is 2-1/2 hours (120 miles) from Ironton. The state has several coliseums that host many exciting events, from state fairs and rodeos, to live concerts. Huntington, WV has its own airport, Tri State Airport is within 45 minutes, and Columbus and Cincinnati International Airports are 127 miles and 149 miles, respectively, from Ironton.

Visit the websites below to view the Ironton District area.

www.irontribune.com

www.herald-dispatch.com

www.dailyindependent.com

www.lawrencecountyohio.com

www.ashlandalliance.com

www.lawrencecountyohio.org

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