

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2022

Internship Title: Content Creator for Burrows Trail Rehabilitation Project

Internship Site: Burrows Trail, Camel's Hump State Park, Huntington, VT

Description: The intern will work with the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) and the Green Mountain Club (GMC) to create media content documenting the rehabilitation project of the Burrows Trail in Huntington, VT. This is a first of its kind project in Vermont. The intern's primary goal will be to document the trail work on the Burrows Trail for the 2022 summer season. The intern will capture both still photos and video, documenting before/after conditions at specific project sites, trail crews at work, and volunteers lending a hand. The goal will be to produce photo and video footage that can be shared on social media weekly. The intern will also create a final video product that captures the Burrows Trail rehabilitation project in its entirety. A major goal of FPR and GMC is to help the public understand the time and labor that it takes to do backcountry trail work. Throughout their time working there will be many opportunities to network with land managers, project coordinators, trail crew members, volunteers, and other people from FPR and GMC.

Depending on the interests of the intern there will be the option to embed with the trail crew for an overnight on the trail, participate in a volunteer workday, or other ideas that can be decided on with the selected candidate at the beginning of the internship.

The Burrows Trail ascends Camel's Hump, Vermont's tallest, undeveloped peak. The trail is a popular attraction for Vermont residents as well as tourists, serving over 75,000 hikers in an average year. There are various trails that ascend to Camel's Hump summit, including the Long Trail. All approach trails are over three miles except for the Burrows Trail, at 2.1 miles. This well-used trail was being maintained through smaller piece-meal restoration projects. However, the significant COVID induced explosion of hiking during 2020 damaged the tread to a point that it needs extensive work in one go. The intern will help capture this historic trail project through their lens.

The intern will have a detailed weekly workplan to guide them throughout the summer as well as support from the GMC Communications Staff.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in media content creation, and a willingness to do their work outside for extended periods of time. Some experience of capturing photos/video in a field setting is preferred, but not required. We are looking for someone with strong communication skills, writing skills, and the ability to work independently at times.

- Experience with still photography
- Interest in videography with some experience editing short video clips

- Interest in creating content for social media platforms
- Ability to hike multiple miles on steep, rugged, uneven terrain while carrying their equipment
- Ability to be outside in all types of weather

The intern will need reliable transportation to the field site in Camels Hump State Park in Huntington, Vermont.

***Rubenstein students currently in their sophomore and junior years are eligible to apply. Seniors graduating in May 2022 are not eligible to apply. Earning Independent Study or Internship credit through the Rubenstein Internship Program is required. Due to possible restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Perennial Internships may happen as described or be modified. ***

Supervision: Kathryn Wrigley – Forest Recreation Specialist, FPR - will be the primary supervisor with support from Alicia DiCocco, Director of Development & Communications, GMC. The GMC’s Field Project Coordinator will be available to support the intern daily, on-site.

Start and End Dates: Mid-May to Mid-August 2022 (exact start/end dates are negotiable)

Total Hours: 30-40 hrs./week, 12 weeks (480 hours total)

Compensation: \$13.55/hr.

How to apply:

1. Click the following link to view the Rubenstein Perennial Internship Descriptions in Handshake: <https://uvm.joinhandshake.com/employers/226837>
 - a. If asked to log in: click “UVM Net ID Login” & login.
 - b. Click the Favorite button to enable easier searches in the future.
2. Click “View All Jobs” in Jobs at Rubenstein Perennial Internship Program box on right side of page.
3. You should now see the great Perennial internship opportunities! Click “View Details” to learn more about each position.
 - a. Please do take the time to carefully read each individual description so that you don’t miss a great opportunity by judging an internship solely on its title.
 - b. You may apply for up to **three** Perennial Internships.

- c. All applications are due by 11:59pm, on Monday, February 21st, 2022.
4. You'll need to upload both required documents in Handshake before you can apply for any Perennial Internship:
 - a. Click on your name at top right of screen in Handshake
 - b. Select Documents.
5. Please upload all documents as pdfs. The following are the required documents:
 - a. Resume
 - b. Cover Letter
 - i. You should write and upload a unique cover letter for each position to which you are applying.
 - ii. In your cover letter, provide the name & contact information for at least one professional reference. This could be someone who supervised you in a past work/internship/volunteer position, or a professor or teacher, etc. The person listed should **not** be the person who completes your recommendation form.
6. In addition to the documents listed above, a recommendation form will need to be completed by a Rubenstein faculty, graduate student, or staff member of your choosing.

When you ask your recommender if they are willing to complete the form to support your application, please provide your recommender

 - a. This link: [recommendation form link](#)
 - b. Only one recommendation form needs to be completed regardless of how many Perennial Internships you are applying for.
 - c. Your recommender will complete & submit this form online and then your recommendation will be confidentially added to your application(s). This recommendation form needs to be submitted by the February 21st, deadline.
7. Make sure that your resume and cover letter(s) are as strong as they can be! Utilize the resources around you:
 - a. The Rubenstein Stewards are great at reviewing resumes/cover letters and providing helpful feedback. Email the Stewards to schedule an appointment after the start of the semester: RSENStewards@uvm.edu

- b. Get your resume and cover letter reviewed by a Career Counselor at the Career Center. [You can check the Career Center's drop-in hours here.](#) The Career Center also offers [a guide on building your resume available here.](#)
8. If you are selected to interview for a Perennial Internship, you will be contacted by the site to set up an interview during early-mid March.