



Job Specification

Position Title: Biologist/Ecologist Intern
Job Code: OPSEU - Biologist 1, 14021
Job ID: 36365

Purpose of Position:

To assist zone and park staff with biological and ecological information collection, compilation, and synthesis, for the purposes of protected area planning and management.

Duties/Responsibilities:

Under the general supervision of the Parks Zone Manager, and professional direction of the Parks Zone Ecologist:

- Become familiar with Ministry`s biodiversity conservation mandate, and particularly with the protection objective for Provincial Parks. Attend courses focusing on the protection objective and other relevant resource management topics, as directed by the Zone Ecologist and Zone Manager.
- Assist the Zone Ecologist, Zone Planner, or park staff with the compilation of biological and ecological background information pertaining to Provincial Parks. This could include information on the occurrence of species at risk, land cover or forest inventory, previous life science and earth science inventory, other sources of geological and vegetation data, etc.
- Assist the Zone Ecologist, Zone Planner, or park staff in discussions on site management for protected areas. This will also include site visits.
- Assist the Zone Ecologist, Zone Planner, or park staff with responding to natural heritage inquiries from internal staff and external clients and partners (i.e. staff from other OMNR programs, other ministries, environmental non-government organizations, members of the general public, etc.), explaining principles of ecological integrity.
- Participate in life science inventories of protected areas to collect information in support of regulation and/or management planning projects, in conjunction with the Zone Ecologist, Zone Planner, or park staff.

Knowledge:

- Knowledge of biology and ecology including conservation biology and biodiversity.
- Knowledge of conservation issues, and legislative and planning tools that provide protection to Ontario Living Legacy properties in Ontario.
- Knowledge of the flora and fauna of Ontario.
- Knowledge of worker responsibilities as outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Staffing and Licensing Requirements:

Valid Emergency First Aid Certificate

Skills:

- Communications and interpersonal skills (oral and written).
- Organizational and research skills.
- Skills in computer word processing and use of spreadsheets.
- Ability to travel and work at other locations in Ontario occasionally.
- Works well in team situations and independently.

Freedom of Action:

- Position works under the general supervision of the Zone Manager and day-to-day direction of the Zone Ecologist.
- Position will be responsible for completing projects or tasks assigned by the Administrator or program staff. The position will be responsible for undertaking all necessary actions to complete those tasks as dictated by program protocol and guidelines.
- Position performs day-to-day functions with relative freedom, generally in a task-team oriented environment