



Erik Buxton Forestry & Wildlife Internship: Summer 2025

About the Harris Center for Conservation Education

The Harris Center is a donor-supported non-profit organization and transformative force in the Monadnock Region. We promote understanding and respect for the natural environment through education of all ages, direct protection and stewardship of the region's natural resources, conservation research, and programs that encourage active participation in the great outdoors. We are committed to ensuring that our education programs, trails, conserved lands, and conservation research projects are welcoming spaces for all, regardless of racial or religious background, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic means, or range of physical ability.

Overview of the Position

This internship will allow a forestry and/or wildlife student to work on a diverse mix of forest management planning, wildlife conservation, land stewardship, and recreation projects at the Harris Center's headquarters in Hancock and throughout the Monadnock Region. The successful intern will gain experience in forest inventory, boundary identification and maintenance, conservation easement monitoring, trail maintenance, wildlife inventory, invasive plant management, and more. Training will be provided by Harris Center staff and other natural resource professionals. There will be opportunities for collaborative work with Harris Center staff, volunteers, other interns, and UNH Cooperative Extension foresters.

Who Should Apply?

Undergraduate and graduate students interested in forestry, wildlife, or natural resource management. Special consideration will be given to those enrolled in the University of New Hampshire forestry program and upper-level undergraduate students.

Requirements

- Interest in natural resources management, conservation, and stewardship planning
- Familiarity with tree identification and forest inventory techniques
- Flexibility, reliability, and enthusiasm for the natural world
- Knowledge of the region's wildlife
- Strong communication skills, both written and oral
- Ability to work independently and with others in varied terrain and under challenging field conditions
- Reliable transportation (mileage beyond the commute to the Harris Center will be reimbursed)

Skill Sets That Will Enhance an Application

- Experience with trail maintenance and conservation easement monitoring
- Experience with boundary location and maintenance
- Basic mapping skills, including familiarity with GPS and GIS
- Familiarity with invasive species identification and management

Timing and Salary

\$16/hour + mileage reimbursement, with work to take place from June 2 through August 1. (There is some flexibility on the start date, end date, and weekly schedule.) This intern is expected to work between 28 and 32 hours per week (total time not to exceed 250 hours). Housing is a possibility, but not guaranteed at this time.

How to Apply

To apply, submit a resume, cover letter, and copy of your unofficial transcript to Phil Brown at brown@harriscenter.org by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 7.