

**Volunteer Opportunity**  
**Wildlife Protection Volunteer**  
**Denali National Park and Preserve**  
**Fall 2010**



Volunteer in the Last Frontier!! Experience the adventure first hand by volunteering with the National Park Service. The National Park Service preserves unimpaired, the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

**TITLE: BACKCOUNTRY WILDLIFE PROTECTION VOLUNTEER**

**DESCRIPTION ON DUTIES:** The candidates selected for the positions will conduct backcountry patrols during the fall hunting season in Denali National Park and Preserve. They will be stationed in backcountry patrol cabins or spike camps throughout the park for extended periods of time (10 days or more) carrying all necessary equipment and food. Patrols will be conducted in teams of two or more people with volunteers being paired with park employees or other volunteers. Travel to and from field locations may be via small fixed wing aircraft or helicopter. Incumbents will be expected to patrol for, recognize, document, and report to Law Enforcement staff observed hunting activities and violations of State and Federal wildlife law. **This is not a law enforcement position and volunteers will not initiate contact in the field with hunters.**

Duties will involve working in isolated outdoor environments conducting surveillance work for extended periods with the possibility of exposure to difficult weather conditions, including below freezing temperatures, high winds, rain, sleet, and snow. The Denali Wilderness is a trail-less environment that requires good navigation skills and backcountry travel skills. The position may require camping in a tent in bear country. Patrols are conducted primarily on foot, however there is the possibility of also utilizing four-wheel drive vehicles, ORVs, motorized and non-motorized boats, and small aircraft. Adherence to specific safety procedures and other precautions is required. Although appointed candidates will not initiate any contacts in the field and operational plans and procedures are designed to minimize potential risk, there is a possibility of chance encounters with hunters or violators in the field.

Volunteers will be provided with a \$10.00 per day stipend. Volunteers are responsible for travel arrangements and costs to and from Denali National Park, food costs and menu planning for their patrols. Housing on transition and training days will be provided for in the Denali Headquarters area; all other housing will consist of backcountry cabins or tents. If needed, basic backcountry equipment can be provided by the park, including; tents, packs, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking gear, GPS, and communication equipment. Volunteers must come equipped with appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear for the Denali backcountry environment.

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**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** Rigorous field work requires above average physical performance, endurance and superior conditioning. This includes prolonged standing, walking over uneven ground, and recurring bending, reaching, lifting and carrying of items weighing over 50 pounds and shared lifting and carrying of heavier items, and similar strenuous activities requiring agility and dexterity.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Due to the nature of the extended patrols and the logistical considerations of inserting teams into remote backcountry areas, candidates must commit to specific time periods for their volunteer work. Candidates that can commit to multiple operational periods will be given priority for selection.

**OPERATIONAL PERIODS:**

1. August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup>
2. August 15 to August 28<sup>th</sup>
3. August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>
4. September 12<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup>
5. September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 9<sup>th</sup>

**HOW TO APPLY:** Please send an application that includes a brief description of the following information.

- ❖ Contact information (name, address, phone number, e-mail address)
- ❖ What qualifications/skills/experience/education do you have in the following subject areas;
  - Navigating in the backcountry utilizing maps, compass, and GPS
  - Hiking and camping in bear country
  - Hiking in remote trail-less environments
  - First Aid / Medical training
  - Conducting and documenting backcountry patrols / surveillance
  - Knowledge of common hunting practices
  - Knowledge of Federal and Alaska State fish and game laws
- ❖ How many and what operational periods would you be able to commit to
- ❖ What are some of your objectives for working as a volunteer

Please email applications to; [scott\\_pariseau@nps.gov](mailto:scott_pariseau@nps.gov)

All applications must be submitted by **June 15, 2010**. Apply early, as travel arrangements to the park should be made well in advance, and positions are limited and will be awarded on a first come basis.

For more information about Denali National Park and Preserve's Backcountry, visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/](http://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/)

For more information about the specific duties of the positions contact;

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