

*Position Available*

# Park Interpreter

## Forests & Parks on Wheels

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Is a major steward of the commonwealth's natural and cultural resources. The DCR State Parks Division is responsible for over 440,000 acres in its 440 parks and properties state-wide. The state parks are home to significant natural resources, endangered landscapes, cultural and historic landmarks, and offer tremendous recreational and educational opportunities.

### **LOCATION:**

Forest & Parks on Wheels is an outdoor learning adventure that offers a traveling exhibit for school groups and general audiences. The Forests & Parks on Wheels is a colorful, natural-gas van that introduces the diverse environmental composition of Massachusetts through its incredible murals. The near life-size forest and coastal scenes are windows into these exciting environments. Van interpreters provide outdoor hands-on learning activities about the unique make-up of the Massachusetts forests and parks system and topics such as forest ecology, biodiversity, and watershed education. The van is garaged in Northampton and travels to sites throughout the state; from Cape Cod to Boston to the Berkshires

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Forest & Parks on Wheels Interpreters perform various interpretive, educational and administrative tasks in the operation of visitor services and interpretation. Tasks include scheduling and driving the van to public events, school and park visits, facilitating activities and programs at these events and visits, and re-fueling the van. Interpreters are also responsible for providing visitor information and orientation, researching, developing and presenting a variety of interpretive and recreational programs that reflect the themes of the Forest & Parks on Wheels. Coordination of special events and programs independently or in partnership with other public or private organizations is required.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants must be at least eighteen years old, possess a basic knowledge of natural and cultural history, have experience working with the public, hold solid communications skills with the ability to follow oral and written instructions, and be able to work in a team setting. Current valid driver's license and reliable transportation required.

### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Two positions are available from around mid May through early September. Park Interpreters work a forty-hour week (which includes nights, weekends, and holidays). The salary is \$487.79/week; employees are paid bi-weekly. Uniforms and training are provided, park housing is not.

### **TO APPLY**

Please send a Cover Letter, Resume and DCR Seasonal Application Form (available at [www.mass.gov/dcr/employment.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/employment.htm) or by contacting DCR at 617-626-1250) to:

Attn: Nancy Riley-Whitehill  
DCR Bureau of Ranger Services  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 800  
Boston, MA 02114  
RE: STATE PARKS INTERPRETER - FPOW

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**Application Deadline is March 15, 2008**

*(Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled)*

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