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Habitat Management Internships Summer – 2026



If you are looking to gain experience and knowledge to begin a career in wildlife habitat management, the Pennsylvania Game Commissions summer internship program in the Southcentral Region may be what you are looking for! We are looking for 6 highly motivated and hard-working individuals to join our Habitat Management team this summer. The purpose of this position is to provide college level students with an opportunity to gain practical experience and knowledge in wildlife habitat management.

The goal of our highly competitive intern program is to mentor and possibly recruit the next generation of wildlife habitat professionals. During the internship, you will work alongside some of the most highly trained and dedicated habitat management professionals in the Commonwealth! You can expect to get hands on experience with habitat planning, protection, implementation and evaluation; putting to use the knowledge you've gained in school as well as knowledge gained in the field. You'll work with other agency staff, participate in meetings and network with



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professionals in the wildlife habitat management field. At the conclusion of your time with us, you'll have the opportunity to provide the Southcentral Region with a presentation on your internship, showing and telling us about your work and accomplishments.

Position Details:

Title: Engineering, Scientific & Technical Intern (**6 positions**)

- \$17.38/hour, 40 hours/week
- Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with possibility of working Monday-Thursday 6:00 a.m – 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for certain locations.
- Maximum of 749 hours per calendar year
- Anticipated start date: May 11, 2026*
- Anticipated end date: August 21, 2026*

*These dates are subject to change based on student availability

Description of Work:

Interns will assist Southcentral Region Habitat Management staff with the development, implementation, coordination and evaluation of habitat management activities on State Gamelands (SGL) within the Region. The Southcentral Region consists of Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Snyder and York Counties.

Duties may include, but are not limited to, planning / implementing basic habitat management projects, operating machinery, equipment and various hand tools. Interns will participate in completing infrastructure projects such as road work and bridge construction, gate maintenance and other infrastructure related duties, collecting SGL data to input into our GIS database, spraying / controlling invasive plant species and assisting with prescribed fire programs. Interns will work with other staff, such as Forestry and Biology, to learn more about the Game Commission and what we do. This is hands on and manual labor-oriented internship.

Job Requirements & Qualifications:

- Work will be outdoors and involve traversing uneven terrain in all weather conditions
- Valid driver's license.
- Preferred candidates will have college level coursework or experience in the field of wildlife, forestry or natural resource management.
- Must be enrolled full time (≥ 12 credits in a bachelor's or associate degree in a science, technical or engineering program such as wildlife/fisheries science, biology, natural resource management, ecology, forestry, botany or related field.
- A graduating high school student who is 18 and enrolled in college for the fall semester is eligible.
- Must be returning to a college or university, full time (≥ 12 credits), in the fall of 2026.



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- Self-motivated and able to follow verbal and written instructions.
- Good interpersonal skills and works well in a team environment.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing and interact with PGC staff and the public in a professional manner.
- Supportive of the Agencies' mission to manage and protect wildlife and their habitats while promoting hunting and trapping for future and current generations.
- Adhere to rules and recommendations regarding personal protective equipment and hand/power tools per agency directive or as directed by supervisor.
- Proficient in the use of computers (Microsoft Office platform), smart devices and GPS Units.

To Apply:

Applicants must provide a cover letter to include which counties you'd like to work in, resume, proof of college enrollment (high school students must provide proof of college enrollment) and proof of fall enrollment must be provided prior to the commencement of internship.

All documents must be received via email to Land Management Supervisor, Lt. Chris Skipper at chskipper@pa.gov

All application documents and information must be received by Friday, January 30th, 2026. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted. Interviews are tentatively planned for Feb. 9th and 10th, 2026.

Questions can be directed to Lt. Skipper @ chskipper@pa.gov





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