ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

If you are interested in a career in natural resources, the Division of Wildlife offers a variety of opportunities for college students to gain on-the job experience and build their professional network. As described below, the division offers seasonal (paid) positions at many of our field locations, as well as opportunities to volunteer or even become an R3 Mentor. Any of these options give you an opportunity to determine whether the division and its mission is a good fit for you, and in the process, we can increase your skill set and learn more about you and your goals.

SEASONAL JOBS

Seasonal wildlife management employees will perform a variety of general support duties which will vary from day to day & by location based upon Division of Wildlife assignments on public use facilities, such as vegetation control, wildlife banding, controlled hunt admission, and wildlife surveys. Hours/Pay: Vary by position; nights and weekends required.

See the link below for a list of opportunities:

http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/ about-contacts/careers/seasonal-employment-opportunities

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are vital to the operations of the Division of Wildlife. All first-time hunters in Ohio must attend a hunter education class. An average of 22,000 students are trained each year by a large volunteer group. Instructors must successfully complete a hunter education course and attend a three-day hunter education instructor academy. Contact the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE for more information.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND REACTIVATION (R3) MENTORS

R3 Mentors are skilled volunteers who have a passion for sharing their love and knowledge of hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping & wildlife watching with someone new to the activity. Mentors are needed now more than ever, and opportunities to share your knowledge are available with numerous conservation organizations around the state. Potential R3 Mentors should learn more about the National R3 Plan by visiting http://www.nationalr3plan.com or by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's mission is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all.



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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH

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PURSUING A CAREER WITH THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

wildlife. College or university graduates who have natural sciences degrees such as wildlife management, biology, or environmental science fill many of our jobs. They must be skilled writers and communicators and enjoy working with the public. Our employees develop wildlife habitat, provide oppor-

The Division of Wildlife hires dedicated people interested in tunities for wildlife recreation, regulate hunting seasons, and research wildlife and their habitats. We also employ support personnel such as accountants, maintenance repair workers, computer specialists, customer services assistants and other talents as needed. Pay varies depending on the skill, education and experience required to do the job.



EDUCATION AND PREPARATION

and Research we recommend studying the following:

High School: Besides your core courses, you should emphasize courses in the sciences such as biology, chemistry, and math, and in communications including composition and public speaking. Taking advanced courses in these areas is recommended. Participating in natural resource classes and FFA activities is also encouraged.

College: Obtaining a college education in wildlife management or a related field will greatly increase your chances of obtaining an entry level position. Some colleges or universities do not offer a major in wildlife management. If such a major is not available at the university of your choice, a major in biology, ecology or zoology would suffice.

If you are interested in a career in Wildlife Management University vs. Technical School: Most technical schools offer a two-year degree and have courses which will address most of the entry-level requirements. If you choose to go to a technical school or two-year college, make sure the school is accredited and courses offered are transferable to other colleges and universities in case you chose to continue your education and pursue a bachelor or master's degree.

> A Bachelor or Master of Science degree from a university is preferred for entry level positions and will provide better promotional opportunities later in your career. A master's degree is the minimum requirement for a career in wildlife research. Regardless of which educational institution you choose to attend, be a conscientious student. Good grades are important. Jobs in wildlife are limited and turnover is low; therefore, those with the highest grades will be in a better position to compete for the few available positions.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT **AND RESEARCH**

- Wildlife Biology Program Administrator Wildlife Research Technician
- Wildlife Biology Supervisor
- Wildlife Biologist I & II
- **■** Wildlife Management Supervisor
- Asst. Wildlife Management Supervisor
- **■** Wildlife Management Consultant
- Wildlife Area Supervisor
- **■** Wildlife Area Coordinator
- Wildlife Area Technician
- Natural Resources Technician

MANAGEMENT

Wildlife management consists of projects that affect wildlife populations and wildlife recreational users. These projects usually involve habitat manipulation, management of wildlife populations, land acquisition, research, or the creation of opportunities for people to enjoy wildlife.

RESEARCH

Wildlife research is part of the foundation for Division programs, and provides the basic information needed for setting seasons, making management decisions, and evaluating the status of wildlife populations. Research projects also pioneer new ways to tackle problems and improve existing programs. A significant amount of research is carried out in cooperation with Ohio colleges and universities.

