



REWILDING INTERN

Reports to: Outreach Coordinator

Duration: 10 weeks for 35 hours/week; begin late May or early June and conclude August 2022

Compensation: \$5,000 plus travel/technology stipend (\$500) and completion award (\$500)

Location: Southeast Massachusetts

Northeast Wilderness Trust conserves forever-wild landscapes for nature and people across New England and New York. The Rewilding Internship is hosted by Northeast Wilderness Trust with support from Native Land Conservancy, a Native-run land conservation group with a mission to preserve healthy landscapes for all living things, and help restore land back to its original state wherever possible.

The Rewilding Intern will complete a Capstone Project with additional weekly tasks and professional development opportunities. The Intern will be based at Muddy Pond Wilderness Preserve, 322 acres of pine barrens forest and coastal plain pond in Kingston, MA, with some remote work and travel. This internship is open to any enrolled Wampanoag members, and is best suited for those between the ages of 17-25.

Over 10 weeks, the Intern will gain training in land stewardship work along with real-world experience through the Capstone Project. The Intern will learn technical skills and develop a foundational understanding of land conservation, wilderness values, and local natural history.

Capstone Project Options:

- *Education/communications:* Develop curricula for school groups and field trips to Muddy Pond and assist with creation of brochure/trail map
 - *Ecological research:* Assist in the development of protocols and data collection of baseline soundscape recordings on remote preserves (some travel required)
 - *Ecological research/communications:* Set wildlife cameras following protocols to capture a wide array of species, and review images to produce species lists for NEWT preserves and tell the story of animals on the landscape (some travel required)
- *Ecological research/communications:* Co-organize a BioBlitz at Muddy Pond, gathering citizen scientists together to record as many species as possible in one day
- *Restoration:* Invasive species removal or related restoration project

During the final week, the intern will share the results of their project and tell the story of their work. This may take the form of a written blog entry and social media posts; a presentation to staff and community partners; a public walk and talk on the land; a video; or other creative media.

Other Work:

- Help to monitor Muddy Pond Wilderness Preserve once or twice per week (may include signage, trail work, engaging with visitors, ecological inventory of native species)
- Conduct a stewardship monitoring visit at another Wilderness Preserve
- Convene a gathering of Team Muddy Pond volunteers
- Learn to use technology that supports conservation
- Meet with Native Land Conservancy representatives and network with other professionals
- Shadow related jobs and internships approximately once per week

Requirements:

- Transportation to Muddy Pond Wilderness Preserve in Kingston, MA multiple times a week
- Ability to work remotely (access to computer and internet)
- Willing and able to work outdoors in a variety of conditions (i.e. heat, rain, bugs) including some lifting or carrying of up to 30 lbs.

To Apply: Fill out the application form at www.newildernesstrust.org/rewildingintern by March 31, 2022. Interviews will occur during the first two weeks of April.