

Frenchman Bay Conservancy Summer Internship Opportunity

Dates of Internship: June 15- September 15, 2019 (*flexible dates*)

Location: Office base in Hancock, ME, Fieldwork at FBC Preserves around south-central Hancock County

FBC Mission: Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC) is a nationally accredited, non-profit, land conservation organization located in Hancock, Maine. Now in our 31st year of operation, we have protected over 8,000 acres through conservation easements or FBC-owned preserves in 12 towns and townships in Maine. Our conserved lands protect a broad variety of ecosystems and traditional land uses, including forest, wetlands, coastline, mountains, an organic farm, a working woodlot, blueberry fields, and waterfront along a wild and scenic river. Frenchman Bay Conservancy maintains more than 28 miles of year-round public access hiking trails for nature observation, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and hunting. We protect access for the public to enjoy scenic vistas, sandy beaches, rocky coastlines and mudflats for recreation and commercial access including clam and worm harvesting. Over just the past five years, FBC has increased preserve and easement acres by more than sixty percent and increased miles of trail by fifty percent. We are dedicated to providing public access to encourage people to develop a relationship with the outdoors.

Position Description: FBC seeks an energetic summer intern to join our team of four full-time staff and one seasonal AmeriCorps Member to enhance the field projects at our Preserves that our dedicated team of Stewardship Volunteers focuses on for the Wednesday Work Days. Expectations are that this individual will *work well with others, conduct themselves professionally* at all times, and *assist* with the advance preparation, and day-of work with volunteers. They will also work on trail projects individually and as a team with the MCC Environmental Steward. This position will be primarily field-based, so if you are looking to get outside for the summer, drop us a line!

This position will have the following projects as their top priorities:

- **Preserve Stewardship:** Working with our Maine Conservation Corps Environmental Steward, under the guidance of FBC's Land Protection Manager, to layout and build new trails, as well as make improvements to our existing trail network. This will entail carpentry projects to make signage, kiosks, benches, and rustic timber structures on the trails, building and refining the tread surface, clearing brush, removing trip hazards, installing rock features as needed, and all-around improving the visitor experience.
- **Multi-media Project on FBC's Volunteers:** Something along the lines of 'A Day in the Life...' we have some awesome volunteers and want to tell the world know about them. This will involve doing some in-person interviews, photography, and videography to create a piece that tells this story.
- **Environmental Education:** Assist with FBC's weekly programming at our Preserves. Assist with FBC's Summer Camp for kids, involving planning, day -of support and logistics.
- Other duties as assigned.

Position Requirements:

- Local Housing
- Valid Drivers' License & Personal Vehicle for self-transportation between the Preserves & FBC Office

- Experience building hiking trails; *these projects necessitate the ability to lift and carry at least 50lbs over uneven terrain, for up to 3 miles.*
- Currently enrolled or recent graduate of undergraduate conservation, natural resource, or environmental focused field of study.
- Experience with carpentry projects, using hand tools
- Experience or interest in creating multi-media presentations
- Basic First Aid/CPR (even better if you've got a WFA or WFR certification)
- Comfort working outside in inclement weather (hot, cold, wet), *must have appropriate rain gear, sturdy work/hiking boots.*

Position Benefits: \$15/hour for up to 12-week position starting June 15th. Mileage reimbursement at \$0.55/mi.

For Inquiries and TO APPLY: Send cover letter, resume and three professional references (one academic reference is allowed) to Thomasina DiBiase, FBC Office Manager: thomasina@frenchmanbay.org, no phone calls please.