

AmeriCorps Position

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Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge



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Job Location: Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, 137 Rustic Campus Drive, Ullin, IL

Application Deadline: Original applications are due at the Refuge Office by 4 p.m. **July 16, 2021** by mail or in person. **(Please note: This is a rolling basis application. Applications will be processed in the order they are received).**

The Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge office is located at the Shawnee Community College at 137 Rustic Campus Rd, Building D, Ullin IL 62992.

AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps is a national Service program initiated to work with citizens and local communities through service-oriented projects that focus on education, public health, human services, and the natural environment. Since 2001, Southern 7 AmeriCorps members have been playing an important role in the Cache River Watershed working with Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of the Cache River Watershed in the fields of natural resource management and environmental education/outreach. Two positions will be open and starting August 2021.

Work Schedule and Stipend: AmeriCorps members must fulfill a total of 1700 hours from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021. The work schedule typically is Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; however, there will be weekend and evening work hours for special programs or projects. A stipend will include a living allowance \$13,992/yr in addition to a \$6,095 education award. Housing may be available on-site.

Eligibility and Selection: Experience and or education in one or more of the related natural resources sciences (forestry, wildlife, etc.), environmental science, hydrology, biology, education (environmental education or interpretation), and/or parks and recreation management.

Typical Duties: Job responsibilities may include:

- **Resource Management:** Assisting with biological inventories, wetland restoration, and forest inventory work. This will involve special projects involving Indiana bats, waterbird surveys, hydrology of Cache River as well as day-to-day operations and management on the Refuge. This work targets restoration goals and promotes the stewardship of fish, wildlife, and plants for the benefit of people.
- **Public Outreach & Education:** Planning and facilitating a variety of public programs that include swamp ecology canoe tours/school field trips, special community events, classroom presentations, as well as weekend programs that target families and youth groups. Providing information through news releases, articles, calendar of events, interpretive publications, signs, and exhibits, as well as face-to-face interaction with visitors and volunteers onsite. These programs and activities strive to heighten individual appreciation for the Refuge and the Cache River Wetlands.
- **Volunteer Recruitment & Retention:** Planning and facilitating activities and/or field work days that involve volunteers. Responsibilities include recruiting and working with volunteers and coordinating training that enhances volunteer skills to perform tasks related to resource management, environmental education and stewardship.

How to Apply: Interested individuals should contact Karen Mangan at Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge (Karen_Mangan@fws.gov or 618-634-2231) for additional information.

For more information about the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of the Cache River Watershed, check out our websites at <http://midwest.fws.gov/cypresscreek> and <https://www.friendsofthecache.org/>