



2022 SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITY

MINNA ANTHONY COMMON NATURE CENTER

POSITION: Gardener

ABOUT THE NATURE CENTER

The Minna Anthony Common Nature Center was established in 1969, and has served the community through environmental education for over fifty years. We are widely known within the Thousand Islands for our school field trips, special events, and picturesque trails along the St. Lawrence River. Wellesley Island State Park, in which the Nature Center is located, is home to one of the largest campground facilities within New York State Parks.

ABOUT THE POSITION

The *Gardener* is responsible for maintaining our native-plant gardens and compost site. We have a Pollinator House and six gardens within the Nature Center campus. This person should have a good work ethic and an interest in pollinators, native plants, gardening, and composting.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Weed gardens and pavers.
2. Water gardens and spray pavers as needed. Check watering system weekly.
3. Deadhead flowers and trim willow tree throughout the season.
4. Aerate compost bins.
5. Lay mulch and rake as needed.
6. Clean and fill birdbaths and ornamental pond.
7. Keep shed organized and maintain all loaned tools, equipment, and vehicles.
8. Set up and care for flower identification and educational signage.
9. Monitor health of plants and keep a list of garden needs.
10. Greet passerby Park patrons and provide impromptu botanical education as interest dictates.
11. Lead gardening and stewardship activities with volunteers and the public.
12. Assist with upkeep of building, grounds, and trails as needed.

PREFERRED SKILLS

1. Experience with basic gardening
2. Interest in native plants, pollinators, or composting
3. Friendly and courteous
4. Professional attitude and demeanor
5. Attention to detail
6. Ability to work weekends
7. Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
8. Ability to lift up to 40 lbs
9. Ability to hike at least one-half mile over varied terrain
10. Ability to assist with maintenance work
11. Comfortable interacting with the public
12. Comfortable working around animals (live animal exhibits, leashed dogs, wildlife)
13. Valid driver's license

WORKING CONDITIONS

Gardeners work primarily outdoors in all weather conditions – lifting, pulling, bending, kneeling, or squatting for long periods of time. Tasks are often repetitive and/or laborious. This position may also assist with botanical education, groundskeeping, trail work, and building upkeep.

DATES, HOURS, AND COMPENSATION

This is a summer seasonal position. Start and end dates are flexible, with the possibility of starting as early as April and ending as late as October. Staff work 40 hours a week, 7:30am–4:00pm. A typical workweek is Wednesday through Sunday. Compensation starts at \$13.20 per hour.

TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis starting in January. To apply, please download an [Employment Application online](https://parks.ny.gov/employment) (parks.ny.gov/employment), and email completed application to WellesleyIslandStatePark@parks.ny.gov. Cover letter and resume is optional. As the subject line of your email, please write “Last name, First name: Visitor Services Assistant.” If you have any questions, feel free to speak with the Nature Center Director at (315) 482-2479.