

**Partnerships and Community Development Intern  
Wayne National Forest  
Nelsonville, OH**

**Position Description:**

This internship will provide exposure to the Forest Service and rural Appalachian communities. Assignments are designed to provide experience in partnership and community development. The intern will assist with coordination of partnerships with the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia (ORCA) and other community organizations working together to plan, construct, and manage the Baileys Trail System; help schedule meetings to bring partners together to help develop a shared natural resource and recreation vision; assist with administrative tasks associated with grants and agreements; and coordinate events and activities to promote the outdoors to people of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences. The intern may assist higher-graded specialists in projects of limited difficulty to become familiar with multiple resource areas that perform on the ground work to manage the Wayne National Forest. The intern will receive formal and on-the job training in planning, external relations, and public involvement, to develop experience in various phases of public affairs, partnerships, and volunteer services.

The Wayne National Forest, located in the hills of southeastern Ohio, encompasses approximately 244,000 acres across 12 counties. The Wayne is divided into three units (Athens, Marietta, and Ironton) administered by two Ranger Districts at Athens and Ironton. A field office is also located east of Marietta.

The Forest consists predominantly of oak/hickory and mixed hardwood forests with smaller amounts of pine in the unglaciated foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Several smaller rivers and the much larger Ohio River are located within the Forest providing some of the best warm water fishing in the state. The Wayne National Forest was also recently rated as one of the top 10 public land hunting opportunities in the country and is known for producing large white-tailed bucks.



The Wayne gives visitors a chance to explore southeastern Ohio's diverse landscape of hills, valleys, streams and rivers. Visitors are welcome to camp, hike, hunt and fish. With over 300 miles of trail for hiking, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riding, mountain biking, and horseback riding, trail opportunities are wide-ranging. Additionally, the Wayne attracts visitors that range from medicinal root hunters and deer hunters to backpackers in an area where they can hike and camp on public land that is limited in Ohio.

The Forest boundaries surround a checkerboard pattern of ownership, with public and private ownership interspersed. As arguably one of the most complex landscapes to manage due to the urban to rural gradient, overlapping ownership issues, and diversity of public opinion, working on this Forest will provide one with a knowledge and skillset that will advance one's career in natural resource management, as well as the support of a friendly, welcoming work environment.

More information about the forest can be found on our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/wayne>.

The Greening Youth Foundation (GYF) has established a well-earned reputation as a leading youth conservation organization focused on the recruitment, training and placement of young people from underserved and diverse backgrounds in natural resources management in partnership with public lands.

Major duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Participate in a variety of stakeholder community meetings in the Athens Ranger District related to the Baileys Trail System and outdoor recreation. During meetings, network with local stakeholders to learn about their projects while also recording meeting notes.
- Assist the Wayne National Forest and the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia (ORCA) on various assignments such as gathering information, writing project updates and summaries, collecting recreation and tourism data, and creating social media posts.
- Work with local volunteers and non-profit groups to engage in outdoor recreation and community development activities.

Desired knowledge, skills or abilities:

- Public Relations, Communications, Outdoor Recreation, or relevant degree program
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral; ability to communicate with a wide variety of audiences
- Interpersonal communication, public speaking, or customer service experience with an emphasis on partnership and stakeholder engagement
- Self-starter that can work both independently and in teams
- Ability to perform duties in both office and field settings
- Experience writing reports and creating and coordinating presentations using various software programs
- Proficient in Microsoft Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)

**Location:** Wayne National Forest – Nelsonville, OH