

Natural Resources Research & Analysis Service-Learning Position

Internship Summary

The Natural Resources Division Research & Analysis Intern will help staff with several ongoing, exciting conservation and natural resource management-related projects. Most notably, we have been exploring the potential of a novel wildlife monitoring approach involving the placement of two motion-triggered cameras at the ends of a long fence. When animals trigger either of the two cameras, photos are taken, allowing us to inventory rare and elusive wildlife species in protected areas. We will have a total of 10 of these camera-trapping fences and will need to process and tag the images from this project.

Schedule

- Summer 2026
- Flexible duration and weekly commitment; minimum 1 day per week
- 1 Available Position
- Reporting Location: Watershed Stewardship Center
2277 W Ridgewood Dr
Parma, OH 44134

Responsibilities

The intern would have the opportunity to assist with the following:

- Checking these cameras and swapping out cards
- Looking through images from these cameras for rare and elusive wildlife species
- Other potential field opportunities with research and management staff

We are particularly interested in documenting smooth green snakes (a state-listed snake more commonly found in open areas), and any images of weasels taken on our cameras, and welcome ideas on how to better document these elusive organisms.

Requirements

We welcome interns from a variety of backgrounds and experience levels, and plan on helping the intern with onboarding for any necessary skillsets. A basic familiarity with the operation of computers and a willingness to conduct brief field excursions in a variety of conditions and sit for several hours afterwards to look through camera images would be extremely helpful for this internship. A strong interest in the outdoors including water, wildlife, and habitats. Physical/mental stamina over 8-hour workdays required including days spent entirely indoors or in widely varying weather conditions outdoors required.

- Valid driver's license and acceptable driving record. Intern is responsible for transportation to and from work location.
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Exposure to inclement weather, insects, poison ivy, and pesticides (personal safety training and equipment provided).



Preferred Experience: One year of practical, hands-on experience showing the candidate's ability to be punctual and reliable, listen to and follow complex instructions, and strong desire to learn and apply newly acquired skills toward maintaining the region's natural resources.

Minimum Education: High school senior (18 or over) or enrolled student of an accredited college or university with one semester of completed coursework in environmental science, forestry, wildlife, biology, entomology, fisheries, horticulture, or a related field.

Applications: Applications will be open until April 24, 2026 or until position is filled. **Click [here](#) to apply.**