

## Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space

# Employment Opportunity

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### Park Aide – Nature Preserves & Open Space

## \$16.19 per hour

Hands-on job experience in natural resources at three unique nature preserves and open space properties. This is THE way to gain experience for that full-time position. Staff report to the Wake County Office Park at 4026 Cary Drive, Raleigh for office space and work trucks. The three preserves are in Wendell: Robertson Millpond Preserve, Turnipseed Nature Preserve, and Sandy Pines Preserve. Open Space properties are throughout the county.

#### Preserve Hours:

- PEAK SEASON summer hours from April until August:  
Monday–Sunday, 8 a.m.–sunset
- OFF-PEAK SEASON winter hours from September until March:  
Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.–sunset

Preserves are also open on the following holidays: Good Friday/Easter, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July/Independence Day, and Labor Day

#### Positions Available:

Two positions available

*Up to 40 hrs/week during the “Peak Season”*

*With potential to work weekends during “Off-Peak Season”*

*Up to 16 hrs/week during “Peak Season” and “Off-Peak Season”*

#### Work Schedule:

All positions work on weekends and holidays, either opening / closing shifts. Hours vary based on sunset throughout the year. Each shift is 6-8 hours during peak season and up to 6 hours during the off-season. This is an hourly position with no benefits and has a 1000 hour cap per calendar year.

**Primary Duties:** Open and close preserves, provide a safe and clean environment for visitors, and assist visitors with excellent customer service skills. Patrol paddling trail, hiking & equestrian trails, minor landscaping, collect trash and recycling, and help with various construction and/or repair projects. Conduct site visits and collect data about flora and fauna at preserves and open space properties.

**Qualifications:** Prefer experience in parks and outdoor recreation experience (personal or work), kayak/canoe paddling, flora/fauna monitoring & identification, and minor grounds maintenance. Must be at least 18 years old, have a valid NC driver’s license. Applicant must perform physical tasks outside during hot/cold weather conditions and work rotating weekends and holidays. CPR and First Aid training will be available upon employment. Background check required before job offer.

**For apply or for more information, please contact:**

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Information about preserves can be found here:

<https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/parks-recreation-open-space/all-parks-trails>