

Downeast Lakes Land Trust Internship, 2013
Community Forest Conservation: Habitat, Recreation, & Education

This internship will provide broad exposure and experience assisting the work of a community-based conservation group engaged in landscape scale forest conservation and management.

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is based in Grand Lake Stream, Maine. We protect lakeshores, improve fish and wildlife habitats, provide public recreation opportunities, offer educational programs, and support jobs in the forest and on the water. We are dedicated to the Downeast economy and environment.

The Internship:

We are seeking an intern for seven weeks in the summer of 2013. Start and end dates are negotiable depending on the successful candidates academic schedule. The intern will receive a weekly stipend of \$300. Lodging is not provided, but we can assist the intern with arranging local accommodations if needed.

Intern projects will include assisting with:

Planning and implementing aquatic habitat restoration projects with DLLT staff and partner organizations and agencies to enhance habitat for brook trout and other aquatic wildlife.

Performing routine maintenance of hiking trails and campsites on the Farm Cove Community Forest, and planning future trails and campsites on the West Grand Lake Community Forest project.

Staffing events, including: DLLT booth at the Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival July 27-28, Annual Picnic and meeting on July 28, West Grand Lake Race on August 4th, and weekly Tuesday morning Explorations and Adventures education programs.

Qualifications:

Undergraduate or graduate student in a natural resources related field, with ability to work independently, excellent communication and computer skills, and experience working outdoors with hand tools. Experience with GPS equipment and Wilderness First Aid training desirable.

To Apply:

Please submit a resume and cover letter, with contact information for three references, to info@downeastlakes.org, with "Internship Application" in the subject of your email. Include in your cover letter an explanation of how the internship relates to your academic and career goals.

Deadline: April 5th, 2013.

About Downeast Lakes Land Trust:

Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2001 by local residents in Grand Lake Stream, Maine.

We contribute to the long-term economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region through the conservation and exemplary management of its forests and waters.

The Downeast Lakes region is the inland portion of the eastern corner of Maine. Our fisheries, including native landlocked salmon and brook trout, as well as smallmouth bass, are world-renowned. The area is home to a diverse array of wildlife, including moose, white-tailed deer, black bears, bobcats, and at least 180 species of birds. The economy is highly dependent upon natural resources, which provide livelihoods for local craftsmen, guides, sporting camp owners and employees, and forest industry workers. The village of Grand Lake Stream is in the heart of the region, and has long been a destination for outdoor recreation.

Our Vision

In 2001 Downeast Lakes Land Trust laid out our strategy for the future – a bold vision to protect extraordinary natural resources and a way of life.

Many supporters and partners have helped us succeed in protecting 370,000 acres of the forests, wildlife habitats, watersheds, and lakeshores that can sustain the region's future. These acres are at the core of the U.S. portion of a nearly 1.4 million acre international wildlife corridor between Maine and New Brunswick.

DLLT sustainably manages the 33,708-acre Farm Cove Community Forest, with 71 miles of lakeshore, for wildlife habitat, forest products, and public recreation. DLLT provides guides and sporting camps an environment that supports their continued success, contributing to the preservation of the heritage and culture of Grand Lake Stream.

The Chance to Complete the Vision

We're now working to conserve a top priority of the original plan. The West Grand Lake Community Forest Project is our effort toward purchase of a key 21,870 acre parcel that immediately surrounds the village of Grand Lake Stream and is directly adjacent to our Farm Cove Community Forest. Success of this project is essential to delivering our vision for the future economic and environmental well-being of the region. It includes 17 miles of undeveloped shoreline on West Grand, Lower Oxbrook, and Big lakes. These lands will continue to be a source of sustainable forest products and public recreation, and will provide valuable forest and wetland wildlife habitats.

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