



# Beach Naturalist Intern

## Volunteer Position Description

Deception Pass State Park  
Washington Parks and Recreation Commission



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**Supervisor:** Joy Kacoroski

**Location:** Rosario, Deception Pass State Park

**Project Duration:** June to September    **Hours per Week:** 10 -15

**Total Internship Hours:** 125-180

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### Description of Duties:

Intern is responsible for operating the Rosario Discovery Center on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in the summer. Operational duties include opening, closing and cleaning of the center as well as greeting visitors and providing information about tide pools and the park. Intern duties also include providing informal interpretive opportunities for visitors at the Rosario Tide Pools as staffing needs require. Intern is expected to record visitor contacts.

#### 125 Hour Internship (unpaid)

Saturday and Sunday (5 hour shifts)

#### 180 Hour Internship (unpaid)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday (5 hour shifts)

### Benefits to VIP:

- Informal Interpretive training.
- Experience communicating with people of diverse cultures.
- Gained knowledge of tide pool ecosystems and Deception Pass State Park.
- Experience working in a state park setting as part of a team with other volunteers, interns, and park staff.
- Ability to obtain an annual Discover Pass after the completion of 24 hours of service.
- Complete credit hours for College or University internships.

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### Goals/Outcomes of Job:

- Deliver excellent customer service while providing helpful information and answering questions.
- Maintain the Rosario Discovery Center.
- Demonstrate, model, and encourage appropriate stewardship practices related to tide pool exploration.
- Provide high quality informal interpretation of park resources.

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### Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:

- Excellent oral communication skills.
- Prior experience in customer service or education.
- Positive team player and able to work with a team of all ages.
- Enrolled in a Community College or University pursuing a degree in education or science.
- Knowledge of local area and tide pool resources (helpful).
- Conversationally fluent in multiple languages (helpful).

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### Special Requirements:

Intern will spend a majority of work time standing. Intern must have the ability to take care of themselves in adverse conditions and be prepared for extreme sun, wind, or rain. Intern must also be able, and feel comfortable, walking on uneven slippery surfaces such as in the Tide Pools (unless special allowances are discussed). Intern will be working with the general public and children and is required to pass a background check. Intern is required to complete the full Beach Naturalist Internship training course.