

# Antelope Island State Park Volunteer Naturalist Position

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**Job Title:** Antelope Island Volunteer Naturalist

**Supervisor:** Wendy Wilson, Park Naturalist

**Location:**

Antelope Island State Park, 4528 West 1700 South, Syracuse, Utah 84075  
Various Field Locations

**Time Commitment Expected:**

Two (2) programs per month or at least five (5) hours minimum

**Days of the Week:** Determined by individual

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**Program Description:**

Antelope Island Volunteer Naturalists assist the Park Naturalist in developing and conducting educational and interpretive programs to school groups, scout groups, families and other visitors to our park. We host thousands of school kids during the spring and fall months and offer Junior Ranger Programs and Summer Camps during the summer months. Volunteer Naturalists also develop and lead guided hikes, walks, driving tours, beach programs, kayak tours or other programs on a variety of natural resource subjects for the general park visitor. Some limited programming is offered during the winter months.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Assist Park Naturalist or other Volunteer Naturalist/Staff with program development, including scheduling programs and events
- Assist with leading and conducting school field trips
- Accompany Naturalist or other Volunteer Naturalist/Staff on programs and assist as needed
- After receiving appropriate training, volunteers will be asked to develop and present programs in order to expand Antelope Island's interpretive efforts
- Educating visitors on park regulations and stewardship principals
- Informing guests of programs/events happening within the park

**Qualifications:**

- A willingness to learn new skills
- Able to work in a variety of settings, terrain, and weather conditions with people of diverse backgrounds
- Able to work with children and adults
- Previous educational/interpretive experience or education preferred but not necessary
- Familiarity with Antelope Island State Park and its natural/cultural history a plus
- Dependability – willing to commit to and follow through on assigned duties and programs

- Dedicated to providing accurate and meaningful interpretation and education to park visitors
- Ability to work individually and as a team member
- Ability to hike trails varying in difficulty from easy to moderate
- Public speaking experience highly recommended

### **Working Conditions:**

Antelope Island Volunteer Naturalists often work in a variety of weather conditions including but not limited to the following: hot, dry conditions; high winds; cold, wet weather; bugs; and other conditions related to an outdoor environment.

### **Training Required:**

- **Core Volunteer Naturalist Training** – Two or three dates will be set based on need to train volunteers in developing interpretive programs, leading guided tours, assisting with field trips, etc. Dates and times to be determined. Generally takes place in March or April.
- **Program Observations** – You must observe a paid staff person or experienced volunteer naturalist lead each type of program at least once prior to teaching on your own.
- **Continuing Education Sessions** – Several skill-building or natural/cultural classes are offered throughout the year. You are strongly encouraged to attend these in addition to the core training.

### **Benefits:**

- 50 hours of service earns you a Utah State Parks VIP Pass, good at all 43 state parks for day use
- An Antelope Island State Park entrance pass
- The opportunity to work in one of the most beautiful and dynamic areas of the State of Utah
- The chance to learn new skills and interact with great staff and the public
- Volunteer appreciation dinners and parties

**Application deadline** for the 2014 season is **March 1, 2014**

Send completed application to: Antelope Island State Park, Attn: Wendy Wilson, 4528 West, 1700 South, Syracuse Utah, 84075 or scan and email to: [wendywilson@utah.gov](mailto:wendywilson@utah.gov). You may also fax it to: 801-779-2604 Attn: Wendy



## Volunteer Naturalist Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

School Groups – Weekdays

General Public Guided Tours – Weekdays and Weekends (hikes, walks, kayaking, etc)

General Public Stationary – Weekdays and Weekends (beach, daytime, evening, etc)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to work?  Am  Pm

Are you in school?  No  Yes Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Degrees: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed?  No  Yes Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any language(s) other than English?  No  Yes

If yes, which language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Can you hike at least ½ mile on a moderate level trail?  No  Yes

Are you trained in?  CPR  First Aid

The goal of the Antelope Island Volunteer Naturalist Program is to train you to lead nature programs for a variety of audiences. Why do you want to be an Antelope Island Volunteer Naturalist?

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Do you have interpretive experience or education? (please describe)

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Have you ever taught or worked with children? (please list your experience)

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Which age group(s) do you prefer working with? (check all that apply)

- Preschool/Kindergarten (age 4-5)       Elementary (age 6-12)  
 Teens (age 12-17)       Adults       Families (mixed age groups)

Please list any special skills or areas of interest you have, i.e. photography, art, natural history, teaching, storytelling, bird watching, geology, etc:

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Is there anything else you think we should know about you? If so, please add it here.

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Agreement with Antelope Island Volunteer Naturalist Program:

If selected for the position of Volunteer Naturalist with Antelope Island, I agree to the following:

- I will complete the Antelope Island Volunteer Training
- I will be able to fulfill the hourly requirements of this position
- I plan on making a commitment of at least one full season to the Volunteer Naturalist Program
- I understand and accept a background check will be conducted

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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