

Name of park/office/program	Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site
Internship duty location address	2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson, PA 19520
Position Title	Interpretation and Education Intern
Position Type	LHIP Internship (Public Land Corps)
What is the PRIMARY NPS field of this internship project?	Interpretation/Education
Position Description	<p>LHIP Interpretation and Education Interns will perform multiple tasks, serving as both a front-line field representative of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site and integral member of the park's planning team. LHIP Interpretation and Education interns will provide interpretation for visitors and facilitate enjoyment of the park by encouraging a sense of understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of resources. They will serve both in the park and the local community, at the visitor center, in the historic village, and on trails to provide interpretive services and educational opportunities for visitors.</p> <p>Interpretation and Education interns will conduct cultural and natural resources research and present both informal and formal programs for visitors of all ages including orientation talks, conducted walks, and demonstrations. For years park educational staff have focused primarily on historical interpretation – we are ready to broaden our engagement to include visitors of differing backgrounds and interests including recreation, natural history, and the surrounding landscape and its resources.</p> <p>Hopewell Furnace is using existing community connections, as well as new opportunities, to expand its reach and accessibility to the diverse population in the region around the park. The intern will play a role in maintaining and growing these links. If granted a LHIP intern, Hopewell will continue to nurture the connections made and programs executed by the park's previous LHIP intern. In the summer of 2020, the LHIP intern will also play a role in helping Hopewell Furnace management team sharpen its strategy to connect with educational institutions including public school districts, home school cooperatives, parochial schools, and area colleges and universities. These are important constituencies for Hopewell Furnace. Building relationships with area educational organizations and institutions is critical to the long-term sustainability and success of Hopewell's educational programs.</p> <p>The LHIP intern will also incorporate positive change by strengthening community engagement via social media promotion and outreach. The intern will</p>

	<p>be expected to serve as a member of the park-wide event planning teams, to share ideas, provide feedback, and to offer support on the day of events.</p>
<p>Qualifications</p>	<p>The Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site management team seeks a highly flexible, motivated, and spirited candidate to help broaden our community engagement and programming at the park. The candidate must have exceptional initiative and be driven to serve the National Park Service and local community in a professional, conscientious manner. Applicant must be able to demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with diverse groups of people, possess outstanding organizational skills, and be ready to participate in all aspects of park programs.</p> <p>Relevant Educational Background/ Majors: Education, Environmental Education, Public History, Sociology, Wildlife Conservation, Natural Resources, Biology, Geology, Ecology, Chemistry, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism or related program.</p>
<p>Start date</p>	<p>Internships will begin in May, with some flexibility depending on park and applicant schedules.</p>
<p>Physical Environment</p>	<p>Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site preserves and interprets an early American industrial landscape and community. Showcasing an iron making community and its surrounding countryside, Hopewell Furnace was active from 1771 to 1883. The park incorporates more than 81 historic structures, including the original masonry blast furnace, ironmaster's house, and tenant buildings. Established during the height of the Great Depression by the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration, Hopewell Furnace's 848 acres and historic structures are located within the Hopewell Big Woods, the last unbroken tract of forest left in southeast Pennsylvania. The site also maintains a farm program, with live animals including draft horse, a pair of heritage breed steers, chickens, and a breeding herd of sheep.</p> <p>The park is in a semi-rural setting, about 5 miles south of Birdsboro, PA - a town of over 5000 containing grocery stores, basic services, and several houses of worship - and 15 miles south of Reading, PA. Reading is a city of about 88,000 people. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the population makeup is 54% white, 16% Hispanic, and 12% African-American. The city has an abundance of cultural offerings, including the Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra, Opus One: Berks Chamber Choir, Goggleworks Center for the Arts, Reading Public Museum, and the Historical Society of Berks County. Sports teams include the minor league baseball Reading Fightin' Phils and minor league soccer Reading United AC. The Santander Arena is a modern 7100-seat capacity venue for performing arts, conventions, and other cultural and civic events. Reading city is home to three universities that grant undergraduate degrees and one community college. One of these institutions, Albright College, was ranked 33rd out of 208 colleges in America in the category of "Ethnic Diversity" by U.S. News and World Report in 2018. Shopping opportunities are abundant and Reading has numerous vendors, business owners, and eateries specializing in international and ethnic cuisines as well as cultural comforts and amenities. Public transportation is also available in the</p>

	<p>city via Berks Area Transportation Authority.</p> <p>Prior to the intern's arrival the park will provide several introductory messages with regional and local area info including information about local hospitals, urgent care clinics, libraries, post offices, and grocery stores. The intern will also be provided with a site-specific welcome handbook with key information about their position and park including maps, brochures, and the official NPS handbook as well as information about the park's significance, the NPS mission and core values, workman's comp, and how to report emergencies and non-emergencies. We will ensure that the intern has a PIV card, keys, alarm codes, access to network drives, access to park vehicles, and access to park calendars, including the Site Manager's personal calendar.</p>
<p>Work environment</p>	<p>Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site traditionally hosts more than one intern. The LHIP intern will work in a variety of settings within the park. Physical, mental, and attitude versatility is required. Time will be spent both outdoors and, in a library, or museum/visitor center type of environment. The Intern will also spend time in an office at a desktop computer taking care of administrative tasks, distance learning opportunities, checking email, and posting to social media. The core of the park consists of the furnace, cast house, Ironmaster's mansion, village store, barn, farm, tenant houses, and other historic structures. A significant amount of time will be spent outdoors in the elements in hot, humid conditions. Farm animals are kept on site and interns may work in close proximity to these animals (horse, sheep, cattle, and chickens). Some demonstrations call for stamina and a degree of strength. Hilly terrain and steep steps require ability to frequently hike short distances up grades.</p> <p>French Creek State Park and Crow's Nest Preserve border Hopewell Furnace NHS, creating a swath of conserved land exceeding 9,000 acres. French Creek State Park accounts for the largest block of contiguous forest between Washington D.C and New York City and offers a lake, pool, camping, disk golf, numerous hiking trails, fishing, horseback riding, kayaking, and rock climbing. Crow's Nest Preserve features more than 600 acres of protected land featuring meadows, native grasses, and wildflowers as well as several hiking trails. There are bountiful opportunities for recreation and professional stimulation as well as collective programming with French Creek and Crow's Nest staff.</p>
<p>Vehicle/driver's license required</p>	<p>Yes. While public transportation is available at neighboring towns, an intern will need a vehicle to access the multitude of local amenities, events, and activities.</p>