

# National Park Service

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## On the Job

- A typical day starts with opening the visitor center by counting the cash in the register, ensuring all the lights are on, the brochures are filled, and the flag is up.
- Throughout the day as an interpreter, I answer basic questions about the park for visitors so they can build meaningful connections.
- Usually in the afternoon I give a 45-minute tour and sometimes a short 20-minute visitor-oriented program.

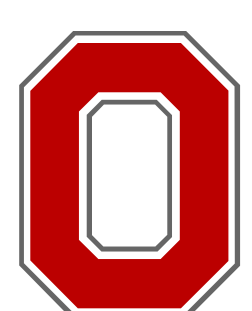
## Background

- My Internship is with the National Park Service at Hopewell Culture NHP in Chillicothe, Ohio as a Pathways Intern.
- The NPS' mission statement is "The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world."
- I found this position on usajobs.gov and I am still using it currently to seek jobs.



## Reflection

- This internship is a great way to test if the NPS as an interpreter ranger is right for you. Which also makes it a great steppingstone towards my future as a permanent employee for the NPS.
- A car is needed for this internship as they do not have housing and Chillicothe is an hour away. Also, being self motivated to be your best is necessary.
- My plans moving forward are to try to land a permanent job as an Interpretive Park Ranger with the NPS, while pursuing this I am also applying for summer seasonal positions.



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