



Park Steward Program 2010 Cabot Head Research Station

Interested in experiencing the Bruce Peninsula first hand, while at the same time helping nature? The Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory is offering a Park Steward program at the Research Station in Cabot Head Provincial Nature Reserve. Spend a week this summer at Wingfield Cottage, enjoying the rustic setting, appreciating the pristine, isolated location and spending some time performing a number of volunteer duties, which include performing minor maintenance, recording observations and providing information to boaters and others using the property.

Be a volunteer who accepts “roughing it” cottage facilities and is willing to spend time as a paying volunteer. The cost is **\$550.00** a week (\$500 plus a \$50 donation to our Capital Reserve Fund). For 2010, the Cottage is available between **June 12th and August 7th**.

Overview

From June to August every year, the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory employs the Park Steward program at the Cabot Head Research Station. Listed below you will find a brief job description. In addition, there is an application form for you to fill out and return.

Should you apply, please **indicate in a covering letter** what additional skills you would be willing and able to share while you are volunteering at the Research Station. These might include repairing windows, providing items of furniture, developing protocols for some type of inventory research, etc. Please include in your covering letter any information about your background and hobbies as they might relate to the resources at and maintenance of the Research Station and environs at Cabot Head.

Why:

The Park Steward program at the research station at Cabot Head Provincial Nature Reserve exists for the purpose of ensuring that the site has people present throughout the entire spring, summer and fall seasons.

Where:

Cabot Head Research Station, Cabot Head Provincial Nature Reserve. The Research Station is literally at the end of the road, situated in a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and Dark Sky Community. It is a pristine location with wonderful opportunities for exploration, birding, botanizing, and just relaxing. Facilities are rustic. There are two bedrooms, a washroom, kitchen and a large living room.

We MAY be able to offer Stewards our much larger facility, Grebe Lodge, should we not garner enough bookings from university or workshop groups. Please enquire via email or telephone (contact info below).

Who:

People who are interested in enjoying the out of doors in a rustic setting while at the same time performing a limited number of volunteer duties involving upkeep and maintenance.

When:

From June 12th to August 7th, 2010.

Duties:

A list of duties requiring a minimum of one hour daily will be provided to each Park Steward. They will include: carrying out minor maintenance (painting, cutting grass, etc); recording observations; providing management messages to boaters and others using the property. Other duties may be assigned as needed.

Natural Hazards:

Poison ivy is quite prevalent in the area. Potentially dangerous fauna are the (endangered) eastern massasauga rattlesnake and the black bear.

Cost:

To be a Park Steward at this unique location on the Bruce Peninsula, there will be a very reasonable **\$550.00 charge per week** (\$500 plus a \$50 donation to our General Reserve Fund). This money will be used to support the Migration Monitoring Program of BPBO. Any revenues brought in must also cover the cost of running and improving the site.

We are looking for people who will accept the rustic facilities, have a love of the unique qualities the Bruce Peninsula and Wingfield Basin have to offer, and who are willing to spend some time performing volunteer duties at the Station and environs.

Please indicate your preferred dates for participating as a Park Steward and an alternate set of dates in your application. Should the Steward Program prove to be extremely popular, we may be holding interviews for Park Stewards.

Please contact Ron Baker at ronbakerbpbo@sympatico.ca or call Ron at (519) 795-7652 with any enquiries (**during the months of January, February and March ONLY**, please contact Bob Gray at (519) 371-9128, kemblemt@log.on.ca)

The 2010 Park Steward application form is below:



APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF PARK STEWARD

I/We wish to apply to be Park Stewards at Cabot Head Research Station.
We would like to be at Cabot Head during the following week(s):
(Please indicate preferences. Weeks run from Saturday to Saturday.
Checkout time is 11 am. Please use additional paper if required)

Name(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Number in family/party _____

Please indicate preferences for dates. 1ST, 2ND, OR 3RD.

JUNE 12 - 19 _____

JUNE 19 - 26 _____

JUNE 26 - JULY 3 _____

JULY 3 - 10 _____

JULY 10 - 17 _____

JULY 17 - 24 _____

JULY 24 - 31

JULY 31 - AUGUST - 7

Please attach a letter indicating why you would like to be a Park Steward, and which skills you would bring to the position.

PLEASE ENSURE A DEPOSIT OF \$150.00 in Canadian funds is enclosed. This will be returned if we cannot accommodate you.

Mail to:

Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory
RR #1,
Miller Lake, Ontario
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