

# A summer at Sleeping Bear!

Field assistants needed for a visitor use research project



The Park Connections Lab is conducting a visitor use study at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore ([www.nps.gov/slbe](http://www.nps.gov/slbe)). We will administer visitor intercept surveys at scenic and high use points across the park. Our research will help inform park managers about park visitors, their experiences, and potential sustainable management strategies.

This data collection relies on a field crew intercepting visitors courteously and continuously. Using a protocol and script, field assistants will approach park visitors and ask them to complete a tablet-based survey. Attention to detail, ability to work in varied weather conditions, and reliability are key. Pre-season trainings include research ethics certification and MSU motor pool driving record check. Current students and spring 2024 graduates welcomed.

When: 12-week field season (approx. May 20 – Aug 14), with MSU-based trainings beforehand. Days off will rotate within the field crew and across days of the week, to maximize data collection coverage. Additional hours Apr 22 – May 20 on other Park Connections Lab research projects may be available if desired.

Pay: \$14/hour, full-time, with shared work vehicles and shared lodging provided

Interested? Please email Dr. Bess Perry ([eeperry@msu.edu](mailto:eeperry@msu.edu)) **by March 1** with a PDF of a short cover letter ( $\leq 1$  page) stating your interests and experiences, followed by your current resume/CV. References may be requested. Interviews and decisions are expected in early March. Direct questions to Dr. Perry.



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