

# A summer across Michigan!

Field assistant needed for an MDNR-Wildlife public use research project



The Park Connections Lab is conducting a public use study with the MDNR-Wildlife Division. As part of this, we are administering user intercept surveys and maintaining trail counters at 10 Wildlife-managed properties across the state. Our research will help inform managers about public use levels and types, user experiences and preferences, and potential management strategies across this diversity.

This data collection relies on a field crew providing mail-back surveys to users, deploying field equipment, and communicating with MDNR staff. Using a sampling frame and protocol, the crew will gather season-specific information on use and users. This announcement is specifically for the summer season, though there is opportunity to remain engaged over the fall, winter, and spring too. Attention to detail, ability to work in varied weather conditions, and reliability are key. Current students and spring 2024 graduates welcomed.

When: 12-15 week field season (dates flexible Apr. 29 – Aug. 25), with extensive in-state travel. Weekly days off will rotate, to maximize data collection coverage. Experience on additional lab research projects may be available if desired.

Pay: \$14/hour, full-time, with work vehicle and lodging provided while traveling.

Interested? Please email Dr. Bess Perry ([eepperry@msu.edu](mailto:eepperry@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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