

Pre-Announcement Outreach Notice



Regional Heritage Program Leader (GS-0193-13) Southern Region, Regional Office Atlanta, GA

Position: The Southern Regional Office will soon be advertising the GS-0193-13 Regional Heritage Program Leader position in the Recreation, Wilderness, Heritage, Volunteer & Service Programs Staff in Atlanta, GA. This position serves as the Regional Federal Preservation Officer and Heritage Program Leader, managing a highly complex program with many outstanding historic properties of local, regional and national significance. As leader of the Southern Region Heritage Program the position is responsible for planning, developing, implementing, administering, directing, and managing cultural resources and heritage program activities for the region.

The Heritage Program Leader evaluates the effectiveness of the region's national forests in meeting the objectives and legal requirements of laws, regulations, policy, and direction, as well as the goals and objectives for heritage program and cultural resources management activities and responsibilities; provides recommendations for Regional Forester implementation; works closely with our Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager, and coordinates and provides upward reporting to the Washington Office and external agencies. The program leader provides professional and technical guidance to the region's forest heritage professionals.

Additional duties of the position include:

- Providing expert technical support and authoritative advice to the Directors, Regional Forester, Forest Supervisors, District Rangers and others regarding laws, regulations, policies and procedures pertaining to cultural resources and heritage program management.
- Ensures regional compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, National

Environmental Policy Act and various other laws, regulations, executive orders, federal and state guidelines, and agency policies at they relate to heritage and cultural program activities.

- Coordinating, consulting and negotiating with tribes, State Historic Preservation Officers, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, BLM, NPS, National Register of Historic Places, and other governmental agencies regarding cultural resources and associated heritage program activities.
- Representing the agency and region at scientific and professional society organizations and at professional meetings and conferences.
- Coordinating with academic institutions, professional societies, museums, historical societies, academicians, professionals, consultants, and other interested parties regarding the regional heritage program and cultural resource issues.

Region: The Southern Region, is home to an incredibly diverse array of cultural resources. These cultural resources range from 13,000 year old PaleoIndian sites to sites associated with the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and the New Deal. More than 60,000 sites have been recorded in the Region to date. The vast majority of these sites are pre-contact, American Indian archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties. The national forests in the Southern Region are the ancestral homelands of 37 federally recognized Tribes with whom we consult and work with regularly. Many of these Tribes were forcibly removed from their homelands in the 1830s under the Indian Removal Act.

The Southern Region consists of 14 National Forests and Grasslands and one large National Recreation area (Land Between the Lakes) that are located in Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, Arkansas, eastern Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, eastern Texas, Puerto Rico, and a small part of West Virginia. The Southern US is highly diverse and continues to experience a 40% greater population growth rate than any other region. More than 24 million people visit the national forests in the Southern Region every year. The demographic situation and population density is an indication of the complexity, diversity and opportunities that the Southern Region faces as it carries out its mission of "caring for the land and serving the people." The Region's programs represent the full complexity of resource management in the Forest Service with an emphasis on outdoor recreation, forest health and restoration, and the protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources.

You will be joining a very high performing, positive, and close-knit RWHV staff. The Heritage Program enjoys a tremendous amount of support and enthusiasm from its director, as well as from the other directors, deputy regional foresters, the regional forester, and the 14 forest supervisors and one area supervisor in the region. The Heritage Program also enjoys very strong, supportive and productive relationships with the Tribal Relations Program and its director.

Location: The position will be stationed in the Regional Office which is located in midtown Atlanta just south of the Buckhead community. Atlanta is the largest city in the southeastern United States with a population of 5.8 million people. The city is situated in north-central Georgia and, among its numerous nicknames, is often referred to as "the city in the forest" or "the city of trees" because of its unique tree canopy. With 36% of the city covered in trees, Atlanta is more densely forested than other cities in the U.S., which average only 27% coverage. One of the city's most influential nonprofit organizations, Trees Atlanta, is dedicated to protecting Atlanta's urban forest through planting, conservation, and education. From Atlanta, it is only a two hour drive to Franklin, NC, in the heart of the beautiful southern Appalachian mountains and less than a four hour drive to Savannah, GA, on the Atlantic coast.

Cultural & Recreational Opportunities: Atlanta offers an extraordinarily wide variety of cultural, historical, gastronomical, and recreational opportunities. The National Register of Historic Places listed Piedmont Park and Olmstead Park are both located in the heart of the city, while the newly developed Atlanta Beltline is a paved pedestrian and bicycle trail and greenspace that will soon, fully encircle Atlanta. In addition to the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, administered by the National Park Service, there are numerous city parks, golf courses, public tennis courts, public swimming pools, community centers, libraries, Senior Citizen Centers and many miles of bike routes and trails. The nonprofit PATH Foundation has been building a network of off-road, paved trails and greenways in Atlanta for pedestrians and bicyclists for over 25 years. Cultural opportunities include the High Museum of Art, the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, the Atlanta History Center, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park, Fernbank Natural History Museum, the Atlanta Children's Museum, the Georgia Aquarium, the Atlanta Zoo (with pandas), the World of Coca-Cola, the Margaret Mitchell House, the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum, the Historic Oakland Cemetery, in addition to numerous art galleries throughout the city. Performing arts include the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Atlanta Ballet, the Atlanta Opera, the Alliance Theater, the Rialto Theater, Horizon Theater, among many others. Travelling shows, including off-Broadway productions, perform regularly at Atlanta's famous Fox Theater, a National Historic Landmark. The music scene in Atlanta is incredibly rich and diverse, and as the home of Outkast, Usher, and Ludacris, Atlanta is known as "hip-hop's center of gravity." Atlanta is home to professional football, baseball, soccer, and men's and women's basketball teams. Atlanta's new Mercedes Benz Stadium will host Super Bowl LIII in 2019. There are hundreds of music and arts festivals in Atlanta each year including the Dogwood Festival and the Shaky Knees Music Festival. There are also several farmers markets located throughout the city specializing in everything from locally sourced meats and organic produce to exotic foods from all over the world.

Climate: Atlanta is situated among the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, and at 1,050 feet (320 m) above mean sea level, Atlanta has one of the highest elevations among major cities east of the Mississippi River. Atlanta's climate is humid sub-tropical, enjoying four seasons – a beautiful and pollen-laden spring, a long and hot summer, a colorful fall, and cool to cold winter. The average annual rainfall in Atlanta is 49.7 inches due to heavy summer thunderstorms and occasional tropical depressions.

Medical: There are several major hospitals and medical centers in Atlanta including Piedmont Hospital, Northside Hospital, Emory Hospital, Grady Hospital (a Level I Trauma Center), and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. There are also hundreds of medical clinics, private physicians and other health care professionals. There are also dozens of home health services, retirement communities, and nursing homes serving the area.

Schools: The Atlanta metropolitan area is composed of nine counties and several smaller cities and suburbs with numerous public schools, private schools, and even home-schooler organizations. Atlanta is home to several colleges and universities including the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), Morehouse College, Spellman College, Emory University, the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), and Georgia State University. The University of Georgia (UGA) is located in Athens, one hour east of Atlanta.

Houses of Worship: The diversity of the population of Atlanta is reflected in its communities of worship. All of the major world religious traditions, including all Christian denominations, are well-

represented and readily available in communities of various sizes. Several of Atlanta's churches, cathedrals, temples, and synagogues, are also remarkable architectural gems.

Employment: Atlanta is the home to 16 of the Fortune 500 companies including Home Depot, Coca Cola, United Parcel Service (UPS), Delta Airlines, Aflac, and the Southern Company. Many other federal agencies have their regional offices here. Atlanta is the capital of Georgia and most state agencies are headquartered here. In addition, the Atlanta metropolitan area is composed of nine counties and numerous smaller cities and suburbs, such as South Fulton, Johns Creek, Decatur, Brookhaven, Alpharetta, Marietta, Roswell, and Sandy Springs, many with their own local governments. There are hundreds of shopping centers and thousands of restaurants and shops (everything from Armani and Hermes to Walmart and Dollar General). There are also several hospitals and major medical centers in Atlanta employing thousands of medical professionals. Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport alone employs 63,000 people and is the largest employer in the state of Georgia.

Housing: There are numerous housing options available including single-family homes, apartments, condominiums, and townhomes. The cost of an average-sized single-family home ranges from \$150,000 in the suburbs to over \$500,000, with a median price of around \$240,000. Average commute time varies based on your home location, distance to the office, and the time of day of your commute. But for those living inside the I-285 perimeter, the commute is generally less than 30 min. each way.

Transportation: Atlanta is served by the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (ATL), also known as the world's busiest airport. Amtrak and bus lines also serve Atlanta and there is a public transportation system made up of rail and bus system within the city known as MARTA that also provides transportation for those with special needs. The MARTA rail system has two major northern spurs, one southern that runs to the airport, and one east-west line, but is limited in scope given the size of the metropolitan area.

Additional Information: For additional location information visit the following web sites:

USDA Forest Service, Southern Region	http://www.fs.usda.gov/r8
City of Atlanta	https://www.atlantaga.gov/
Atlanta Visitor Information	https://www.atlanta.com/
Moving to Atlanta: a Guide	https://www.getbellhops.com/moving-to/atlanta-georgia/
Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce	https://www.metroatlantachamber.com/
Atlanta Public Schools	https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/
Cobb County Schools	http://www.cobbk12.org/
Dekalb County Schools	http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/
City of Decatur Schools	https://www.csdecatur.net/

If you would like more information and/or if you are thinking of applying for the position, please contact Chris Spurl, Director of Recreation/Wilderness/Heritage/Volunteer & Service Programs at (404) 347-2479 or cfsperl@fs.fed.us



Outreach Response Form
USDA Forest Service, Southern Region
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Title, Series, Grade	Regional Heritage Program Leader, GS-0193-13
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- () Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- () Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- () Student Career Experience Program
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