



## **Ranger-Naturalist**

*Iowa County Conservation*

*Ladora, Iowa*

**Description:** This position is full time permanent with Iowa County Conservation Board. It will require the applicant to actively participate in environmental education, interpretation, visitor services and resource & trails management under supervision of the Director.

### **Duties:**

Lead and assist with natural resource & trails management and patrolling ICCB properties, develop, plan, schedule, present educational programs, and design kiosk information. Approximately 2/3rds of time spent doing Ranger duties, 1/3rd of time doing Naturalist duties.

Applicants should have the ability to work with minimal to no supervision, establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, groups, and co-workers, handle multiple tasks and various priorities, use computer programs, and work a flexible schedule and additional time as needed.

Knowledge of Iowa's flora, fauna and ecosystems required, especially of those managed by the Iowa County Conservation Board.

Knowledge of natural resource management practices and safe work ethic is required. Enforce the laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of the areas.

Perform scheduled and non-scheduled patrol days in uniform.

Collect user fees, distribute maps and brochures.

Meet, understand, and assist the public.

Answer questions relating to ICCB, facilities, flora, fauna, and other natural resources of ICCB Areas to various age groups.

Provide for the safety of the area visitors and administer first aid in case of injury.

Investigate acts of vandalism and theft of public property.

Keep informed on matters relating to the Conservation Board's policy and Director's administrative directives.

Perform all work duties and activities in accordance with County policies, procedures, and safety practices.

Perform routine and emergency maintenance as needed.

Open and close Lake Iowa Park.

Assist with special projects such as the hiring of seasonal employees, quarterly newsletter, prescribed burns, and with educational programs as needed.

Attend meetings and training sessions; represent the Conservation Board as requested.

Attend work regularly at the designated place and time.



Iowa County Conservation manages 14 areas that encompass over 1400 acres including prairies, upland timber, lakes, river low-lands and two highly developed recreational areas. There are numerous shelters. There are numerous shelters, restroom facilities, buildings, and other man-made and natural features within these areas. With all this responsibility, this position provides opportunities for individual growth in areas such as planning, leadership, and budgeting.

**Special requirements:** Must have CPR and First Aid Certification, and a Commercial Pesticide Applicators License or be able to obtain these certifications. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under county liability coverage.

**Qualifications:** Must have a bachelor's degree in Environmental Education, Natural Resources, Outdoor Recreation, Ecology or related field and two years of relative experience working with the public; or any equivalent combination of education and experience which provide the required knowledge and abilities. Also, this applicant must possess a valid driver's license, have the ability to get to and from the worksite, and be physically able to work in extreme conditions (extreme temperatures, humidity, steep terrain, etc).

**Salary:** \$39,520 to \$43,700 per year dependent on education and experience plus full county health benefits and IPERS retirement.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants should send an Iowa County Application by mail or email to the address below. A copy of current resume, cover letter, and three references is required in addition to the application. Applications can be found at: <http://www.co.iowa.ia.us/jobs.htm>.

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Applications must be received by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 5 pm. For more information, send an email or call (319) 655-8465.