



The Internship

Undergraduate and graduate college students are welcome to experience the inner workings of Marine Park by working with non-profit and City government park professionals. We seek intelligent, self-motivated candidates, who are clear communicators and productive with both office and/or field assignments. In particular, we seek candidates with excellent writing and social media skills.

An internship with Marine Park Alliance is an opportunity for students interested in urban parks, history, web design, digital marketing/social media, and non-profit grant writing. Interning at Marine Park Alliance is a great way to serve the Brooklyn community and make a substantial difference at a time when New York City needs help the most. This unpaid internship allows for flexible hours and can be done completely remotely. Marine Park Alliance's Summer 2020 intern, Alison Ettinger-DeLong, discusses her experiences here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0a959xQ4Zs>

To learn more about the park in general, visit www.marineparkalliance.org. To apply for an internship, please contact reachus@marineparkalliance.org and send two writing samples and your resume. LinkedIn is also helpful, but not required.

The Park

Marine Park lies on the westernmost shore of Jamaica Bay. Its 798 acres include fragrant salt marshes, upland woods, grasslands and a plethora of garden beds surrounding active recreation areas. These habitats are home to a unique array of flora and fauna including cottontail rabbits, ring-necked pheasants, horseshoe crabs, oyster toadfish, diamondback turtles and breeding osprey.

Environmentally, 530 acres of Marine Park's natural areas are protected by local law as a Forever Wild preserve. The Urban Park Rangers staff and program the Salt Marsh Nature Center that overlooks the natural areas and houses educational exhibits. Recreationally, the park offers amenities as varied as a golf course, cricket fields, and baseball diamonds, plus basketball, handball, bocce and tennis courts. The Carmine Carro Community Center is a modern geothermal building providing space for indoor activities for senior citizens. The park also contains four playgrounds, bicycle greenways, a canoe-and-kayak launch at Gerritsen inlet and five miles of nature trails. Most of these active sites are landscaped with flowering trees and welcome gardens displaying both perennial and annual plantings.

The Organization

Marine Park Alliance assists NYC Parks in its largest Brooklyn property with a mission to provide cultural, environmental and volunteer programming for the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. This work can involve recruiting volunteers for a project, publicizing a program, mapping facilities, and more. We produce a seasonal calendar of free activities in the park and an easy-to-read map. We also coordinate a large corps of volunteers to upgrade problem areas from tackling overgrowth of weeds to painting benches or setting stones.