

Canada Summer Job Posting – 2025

SWI – Visitor Information Counsellor at Buttle Lake

Subject to Funding

Strathcona Wilderness Institute (SWI) is looking for an energetic outdoor-loving young person with an interest in working with the public in a park environment. She or he will staff the Buttle Hut, beside the Park HQ at Buttle Lake, Strathcona Park (on Westmin Road, off Highway 28). The position will be 35-40 hours per week for 8 weeks, July–August. The rate of pay is \$21.00 per hour.

The assistant is expected to arrange their own transportation; accommodation is in the form of camping or a cabin at the Park HQ, with access to facilities (cookhouse, shower etc) or else driving from a base in Gold River or Campbell River (approx. 45 k away). The Buttle Lake Hut is in a remote location without access to power or cell service (limited WiFi may be available at Park HQ).

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- High School or post-secondary level student with completed courses in relevant subjects (e.g. biology, environment, outdoor education, tourism)
- Eligible for the Canada Summer Jobs Programme (be between 15-30 years of age and be legally entitled to work in Canada)
- Demonstrate the following characteristics:
 - some knowledge of Strathcona Park and Natural History
 - ability to work independently and as part of a team
 - good communication and organizational skills
 - self motivated and self reliant
 - creative (skills in writing, photography, computer technology)
 - a second language is an asset
- Valid driver's license (the student is expected to arrange their own transportation to Buttle Lake but some compensation for gas expenses will be made.)

SWI practices Employment Equity in its hiring policy. All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. It is strongly recommended that applicants learn about the work of SWI through the SWI website:

www.strathconapark.org

Tasks and Responsibilities

Primary responsibilities of the Buttle Lake Visitor Information counsellor will be to:

- a) Welcome diverse visitors to the Buttle Lake area, ranging from local to international, youth to senior, athletic to mobility-challenged.
- b) Provide information about Park trails, plants, and wildlife, and about safe and appropriate behaviour in the Park; encourage hikers to report flora and fauna sightings as requested in SWI's brochure.



- c) Promote and assist with SWI educational and research programs (electronic and actual presentations, interpretive walks/hikes; sell books, brochures and maps, and record visitor statistics.

Application:

To apply, please send a resume, unofficial transcript and covering letter referencing “Visitor Information Counsellor – Buttle Lake” that clearly indicates how you meet the requirements for this position. For more information, email: strathconawilderness@gmail.com

Apply to:

Judy Norbury, Chair of SWI Board

Email: judynorbury@shaw.ca

Please note that we will not know until April whether our application has been successful. However, we list our potential positions (subject to funding) above and encourage those interested in working for SWI to contact us to have their names on our list of potential candidates. Since we have received funding from the CSJ Program for the past 11 years we are confident that we will be successful.

