

TRAIL MAINTENANCE LABORER (4 positions)

Mattawa Bonfield Economic Development Corporation and VMUTS' Ontario Job Creation Partnership

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Job Summary

Working as a team, 4 trail maintenance laborers will perform trail maintenance on the Voyageur Multi Use Trail System located minutes outside of Mattawa.

Position Details

Work Period: 9 weeks beginning September 5th, 2017 and ending November 3, 2017

40 hours per week, Mon-Fri

Compensation : Employment insurance benefits \$543 per week for 3 participants and an additional \$50 per week for one participant who will act as the on -site lead hand.

These positions are non-insurable. (EI rates increase to \$543 per week for the duration of the project; the site lead hand will be paid an additional \$50 per week)

Job Duties

Using a variety of tools provided by the project, such as chainsaws and brushsaws,

- Pick/ cut, chop, dig, scrape, grub, move, rake and tamp earth—including sod, roots, soil, scree and
- small boulders—to remove obstacles, restore tread surface, reinforce downslope edge, establish and/or maintain proper tread width and outslope, remove slough and berms, and generally direct and shape the trail to specification for longevity and ease of use.
- Brush Work: Maintain the width and height of the trail corridor, according to project specifications, by removing (cutting and “swamping”) vegetation; e.g., trees, limbs, brush, and other herbaceous encroachers.
- Obliteration: Move earth and/or position other obstacles (e.g., small boulders and fallen trees) to prevent the use of closed, unauthorized, and/or problematic trails, shortcuts.
- Signs: Install, remove, relocate, trail signs.

Protective gear including pants, hardhat with shield, ear muffs, gloves and a rainsuit will be provided to participants and with the exception of the rainsuit, will be expected to be worn at all times.

Transportation: Participants are expected to make their way to the trailhead located at 1190 Argo Run in time for work when they will be transportation to and from that day's site location by an ATV operated by the project supervisor. Distance to the work site will vary on a daily basis, from as little as one kilometer, to as many as 50 kms.

Physical Demands

- Walking/ hiking many miles a day, while carrying personal gear as well as tools/ equipment.

- Continuous, light-to-moderate exertion (with periodic bursts of more intense exertion, as needed) include using repetitive motions including stooping, squatting, bending, reaching, lifting, swinging, sawing, pushing, pounding, carrying, etc. Carrying or otherwise moving loads or objects weighing up to 50 lbs or more.
- Working in the great outdoors, participants are expected to be exposed to the usual wilderness hazards, including:
 - All types of weather, from hot and dry, to cold and wet; including unpredictable weather events, e.g., electrical storms, strong winds
 - Prolonged exposure to sunlight, wind, dust and pollen.
 - Working on and traversing uneven terrain, including steep slopes with slip and trip hazards.
 - Potential for prolonged exposure to mosquitos; encounters with other insects that may bite or sting; encounters with wild animals
 - Potential exposure to falling objects, e.g., rocks, branches, and trees.
 - Prolonged exposure to motor noise and equipment exhaust fumes.

This 9 week project includes mandatory 1st Aid, CPR, WHMIS training for all project participants at the beginning of the project, as well as attending a resume writing/job search techniques training session before the end of the project period. All training will be scheduled by, provided through and paid for by the project lead organization (MBEDC).

Eligibility

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada. **Without exception,**

- Applicants must currently be in receipt of EI payments or have received EI payments within the last 3 years (Reach back status)
- Applicants who established a claim for Employment Insurance maternity or parental benefits and were paid benefits within the past five years, and are re-entering the labour force after having left it to care for newborn or newly adopted children are eligible
- Applicants may not leave employment to participate in this project
- Applicants must submit a current resume to YES! Employment Services with a cover letter indicating how their interest and skills can be applied to this job creation project
- YES! Employment Services will determine eligibility for participation in this project and only applicants deemed to have met the program's eligibility criteria will be forwarded to the project sponsor for consideration.

Deadline to apply: noon, August 18th

Interviews: August 21-28th