



**Wagner Natural Area Society
Natural Area Specialist
May 1 – August 20, 2025**

To many of its visitors, Wagner Natural Area provides a place for spiritual nourishment. Its 251 hectares, just west of Edmonton, gained protection in 1971 for outstanding natural features, including several unique and threatened plants. One can take a leisurely stroll on the 1.5-km looped Marl Pond Trail and enjoy the beauty, peace, and varied habitats. Information about the natural area can be found at www.wagnerfen.ca.

Job Description and Eligibility

The Natural Area Specialist will learn practical conservation management skills. As a charitable, non-profit sector environmental organization, Wagner Natural Area Society (WNAS) provides this opportunity. We endeavour to give a meaningful job experience for a youth (15 – 30), who is a student returning to an academic program after the summer, preferably in science or environmental studies. We want to put your skills and education to work, foster a sense of teamwork, enable you to be responsible for your own efforts, and to expand your knowledge of career skills.

Duties and Responsibilities

The student will:

- Regularly monitor and maintain our public trails, amenities, and perimeter fence
- Implement a management strategy for invasive weeds, based on established protocols
- Participate in outreach presentations, staff display booths, and lead field trips along with WNAS volunteers
- Prepare brief articles for inclusion on the WNAS website, including a monthly newsletter
- Participate in educational initiatives to use natural area information for in-class environmental videos
- Participate in the inventory of flora and fauna
- Undertake some review of archival documents
- Complete a final report of observations made and work conducted throughout the summer

Only apply if you have:

- Enthusiasm for the environment and the out-of-doors
- An ability to work independently
- A willingness to engage with a variety of audiences
- A vehicle to drive to the natural area
- Some familiarity with hand tools for brush and tree clearing would be an asset

Hours of Work and Salary: 40 hours of work per week; \$16.00 per hour. Office work will occur from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Field work at Wagner Natural Area may begin earlier or extend into the evening, depending upon the species being studied. The schedule will also be influenced by suitable weather and site conditions. At least one day each weekend will be worked as this is when the public most often visit the site. Occasional evening meetings may be required. Scheduling will be flexible and adjusted as appropriate through discussion between the successful candidate and the supervisor.

Please submit your application (resume and cover letter) by March 14th through email directly to:

Dave Ealey, President, Wagner Natural Area Society

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Interviews for candidates are planned for the week of March 24th.