

Youth Conservation Corps Summer Job Opportunities



Are you between the ages 15 to 18? Do you have a love for the outdoors? Looking for a summer job? Interested in exploring a career in wildlife management? Come join our team!

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge will sponsor a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) employment program for the summer of 2026.

What is the Youth Conservation Corps? The United States Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer youth employment program that engages young people in valuable hands-on work experiences to help develop and maintain the natural resources of the United States on national wildlife refuges, national parks, national forests, and fish hatcheries.

Who is eligible? For students, 15 through 18 years of age (cannot reach 19 before July 31), who are permanent residents of the United States. The eight-week educational work program is scheduled from June 2nd to July 25th, 2026. Enrollee's pay will be \$14.00 per hour. Work will consist of 40 hours a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Selected applicants will need to have their own bank account before reporting to work and be able to present their Social Security card. Questions? Call the refuge office at 321-861-0669 and ask for Ranger Kim.

What will I do? YCC members will learn about the different jobs in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the conservation of natural resources. Projects include but are not limited to:

• Trail Maintenance • Building and Grounds Maintenance • Biological Surveys • Invasive Species Control • Environmental Education. Participants will do hard physical work outdoors and may be exposed to insects, poison ivy, adverse weather, and difficult working conditions, but it is an overall rewarding experience!

How do I apply? Applications are available through the refuge website under "Library" at: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/merritt-island/library>. **Applications must be received or postmarked no later than 11:59 p.m. Sunday, May 3rd, 2026** at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Up to four applicants will be selected for employment. All applicants will be notified by mail or phone after selections.

Mailing Address and Email for Completed Applications:

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