

OTTAWA CREW LEADER

GREAT LAKES CONSERVATION CORPS

LOCATION: IRONWOOD, MI | OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST



QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- Supervisory experience
- Chainsaw experience (must be comfortable running a saw for hours a day, U.S. Forest Service saw training will be provided)
- Able to perform physical labor in the outdoors in all types of weather
- Proficient in oral and written communication
- Willing to camp in a tent up to 4 consecutive nights for work
- Willingness to follow & enforce workplace Covid-19 policies

Preferred:

- Tree and plant ID knowledge
- GPS experience
- Experience maintaining and sharpening chainsaws

JOB DESCRIPTION

GLCC Ottawa Crew Leaders are responsible for leading and supervising a conservation crew of three 18-25 year olds. Duties include crew management and safety, task delegation, weekly data sheets and photo submission, regular communication with project managers, and the maintenance of tools.

The Ottawa Crew will be working on projects that are primarily located in the Ottawa National Forest. Crew Leaders gain experience in a wide range of conservation and natural resource management projects. Crew Leaders work alongside U.S. Forest Service partners who specialize in botany, soils, recreation, forestry and wildlife. Examples of project work include:

- Create wildlife openings using chainsaws
- Selectively open forest to release long-lived conifers
- Build & maintain trails, boardwalks, & stairs
- Plant native trees and pollinator plants
- Weed and protect threatened plant species
- Improve riparian habitats for fish and wildlife

Questions? Contact Jeff Koch, GLCC Program Manager
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PAST GLCC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 2013...
65,250 Trees Planted

Since 2014...
98,000 Native Plants Planted

Since 2015...
1,367 Acres of Habitat Improvement

Since 2016...
217 Miles of Trail Built & Maintained

Since 2017...
1,813 Bags of Invasives Removed

Since 2018...
13 Historic Structures Preserved

Since 2019...
6,405 Scrap Tires Recycled

In 2020...
4,100 Pounds of Wild Rice Planted &
0 crew cases of Covid-19

2021 PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

About half the summer will be spent using chainsaws, the other half will be spent completing high priority recreation and conservation projects in the Ottawa National Forest. Here are just a few of the projects we're looking forward to.

Long-Lived Conifer Release

Timberrrrrr! You'll be spending about half the summer felling fast growing trees such as maples, balsam fir, and aspen to reduce competition for hemlock, red pine, and white pine. These long-lived conifers provide nesting habitat for birds of prey and other native wildlife.

Dwarf Bilberry Protection

The threatened dwarf bilberry plant is the only host of threatened northern blue butterfly caterpillars. You'll be weeding and mulching dwarf bilberry plots to encourage their spread for an eventual butterfly reintroduction.

Ottawa Trail Building & Maintenance

The Ottawa National Forest is a paradise for adventurers. Hiking, biking, skiing trails need regular maintenance and expansion to improve access for outdoor recreation.

