

Foraging Guide

Location: Chugach State Park and Talkeetna, Alaska

Dates of Employment: ASAP through September 15th, 2021

Job Type: Part-time (20-30 hours per week)

Starting Pay: \$14.00 per hour plus gratuity

Are you seeking a job where you can practice your passion? Are you an individual that loves hiking, foraging, and spending time in the wild? If so, we want you on our team! Go Hike Alaska is seeking a part-time foraging & cooking guide for the 2021 summer season. Our ideal candidate should possess the flexibility to work different hours and days as demand dictates.

ABOUT US:

Go Hike Alaska was founded in November of 2018 with a vision of providing guided hiking experiences to adventures from around the globe. What started as a plan to provide solely guided day-hikes in the Chugach State Park has evolved into a diversified lineup of unique Alaskan experiences featuring foraging & cooking classes, historical city tours, helicopter flightseeing & hiking combos, and multi day backpacking trips.

It is our vision to continue developing one-of-a-kind experiences featuring the gift of human powered adventuring. Our brief history is rooted in providing deeply personal, awe-inspiring, and one-of-a-kind adventures to guests. It is this customer service philosophy that sets us apart, and we hope you inherit and share our tradition of providing top quality tours to our visitors.

JOB SUMMARY:

The foraging guide will lead our “Backcountry Eats & Foraging Treats” summer tour. In this role, you will instruct guests how to properly forage & harvest from areas we visit. You will also show our guests how to prepare and cook any edibles found while foraging using backcountry cooking techniques featuring a variety of recipes. This job requires a high degree of knowledge concerning Alaska’s state parks and wilderness in different manners, including its: foraging opportunities, history, and natural resources (e.g. vegetation, waterways, ecology, topography, terrain, geology, wildlife, etc.)

You will be responsible for the safety, transportation, socialization with and education of our guests. You should also understand basic route-finding, how to handle emergency situations, apply wilderness first aid, CPR, and communicate with the proper authorities. This role requires that you interact with guests in a professional and introspective manner. You will also need to understand the basics of photography and how to use technology such as an iPhone or iPad.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Instruct guests on how to forage wild plants, herbs, fungus, and berries.
 - Demonstrate cooking foraged ingredients using backcountry stoves and cookware.
 - Ensure guest safety and provide medical care if needed.
 - Provide safety briefing before tour regarding large animals and foraging & cooking hazards.
 - Deliver high-quality experiences to guests through expert ability, education, and socialization.
 - Assist guests with equipping gear such as: foraging containers, trekking poles, and backpacks.
 - Maintain professionalism and respect towards others during difficult situations.
 - Apply humility and politeness during the tour.
 - Transport guests to and from pickup locations and destinations using company vehicles.
 - Be timely and communicative with both staff and guests.
 - Offer and serve guests food or water.
 - Clocking in and out using a timesheet.
 - Capturing photos during the tour.
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JOB SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

- At a minimum, you must possess a valid Wilderness First Aid and CPR certification. Wilderness First Response certifications are accepted and **preferred**.
 - Valid ServSafe certification
 - Valid driver's license.
 - Foraging & cooking experience
 - Comfortability interacting with others.
 - Excellent customer service skills with a presentable, well-groomed personality.
 - Punctual and reliable.
 - Physically able to endure the duration, distance, and elevation gain for the respective tour.
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