

Bison Manager

Wanuskewin Heritage Park is a National Historic Site that brings to life the history and culture of the Northern Plains Indigenous peoples. The 760 acre Park located north of the City of Saskatoon stands as a living memorial to the people who gathered here for over 6,000 years. The stewardship of the Park and its resources rests with the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority established under the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Act of Saskatchewan.

Wanuskewin will be implementing an anticipated 10-year Resource Management Plan and establishment of a Cultural Bison herd based on a Bison Management Plan and will need additional staff to ensure appropriate and timely implementation of both plans.

Bison Management Coordinator - Permanent Full Time

Role would include:

- Coordinating and implementing bison management activities, including the preparations for a future herd, as outlined by the Bison Master Plan and Development Plans (currently under development) and Bison Management Plan.
- Coordinating with the Resource Management Coordinator and personnel on a regular basis to ensure efficient and effective resource management collaboration.
- Coordinating with Building and Grounds Maintenance personnel on a regular basis to ensure efficient and effective maintenance and infrastructure management collaboration.
- Liaising with researchers, program coordinators, Wanuskewin cultural groups, and regulatory agencies as required to expand WHP's monitoring programs as well as research collaborations, public engagement initiatives, and fostering First Nations perspective.
- Collecting bison herd health data and updating a bison database on an ongoing basis in accordance with recommendations of BMP.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of implemented bison management strategies to ensure cultural targets and goals are being met.
- Other duties as required.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in animal science and/or large animal veterinary medicine
- Minimum five years of relevant experience in bison handling and management
- A suitable combination of education, training and experience may be considered
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License and acceptable driver's abstract, a valid Class 1A Driver's License considered an asset
- Extensive knowledge of Indigenous plains culture specific to bison handling and management
- Extensive knowledge of Native grassland restoration methodology and practices.
- Demonstrated skill with bison handling and management.
- Demonstrated ability to operate small farm machinery

The successful candidate will be required to produce a CPIC, valid driver's license and have reliable transportation prior to commencement of work.

Application Process

Wanuskewin Heritage Park offers a fair and competitive compensation and benefit package. Please submit your resume, cover letter and your preference with respect to full-time or part-time work, by email

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority
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Please note that people with Aboriginal Ancestry will be given preference, however, we are an equal opportunity employer and will hire the best candidate available based on all resumes submitted (HRC-E-91-09) (HRC-E-91-17).