

Visitor Services Manager Position (GS 025-11) Now Open

Seney National Wildlife Refuge

Seney, Michigan

Seney National Wildlife Refuge (Seney NWR) in Michigan's Upper Peninsula was established in 1935 by Executive Order for the protection and production of migratory birds and other wildlife. At nearly 96,000 acres, Seney NWR is the largest refuge in Region 3 of the USFWS and is surrounded mostly by public land. The Refuge is exceptionally diverse in both the number of ecosystem types present and the number of wildlife species using these habitats. Seney NWR also administers island refuges in Lake Superior (Huron NWR, limited visitor use and a Friends Group that maintains an historic lighthouse), Lake Huron (Harbor Island NWR, with a small but growing visitor use program), and Lake Michigan (portion of Michigan Islands NWR), as well as land at Whitefish Point on the shore of Lake Superior (a migratory bird crossing location) and Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area in the northern Lower Peninsula. The Seney NWR offers numerous recreational opportunities; including a Visitor Center open seven days per week May through October, a seven mile Marshland Wildlife Drive with observation decks and scopes, roads open to biking and hiking, a self guided interpretive hiking trail, groomed ski trails, hunting, fishing (including a driving route open to fishing), canoeing, birding, nature-observation and photography.



Questions about Seney and the Visitor Services program can be directed to Greg McClellan Assistant Refuge Manager or Jennifer McDonough Visitor Services Specialist. 906.586.9851 ext.'s 13 and 16

Benefits:

- Four distinct seasons, with plenty of recreational opportunities such as hiking, bicycling, boating, backpacking, hunting, fishing, skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, etc
- Lots of surrounding public lands (Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Hiawatha National Forest, Tahquamenon Falls State Park, and Lake Superior State Forest)
- Rural location with basic amenities (access to popular amenities/college towns 90 miles away in three directions)
- Slower paced living & Low cost of living
- Well established volunteer program and Friends group
- An active visitor services program with 40,000-60,000 visitors per year. Visitor Center visitation ranges from 50-250 per day May through October
- A well established internship program
- Opportunities for partnerships with organizations such as local outdoor-education based charter school and bird observatory

Challenges/Opportunities:

- Rural location with access to major amenities 90 miles away
- Long winters and buggy summers
- Creating connections with local communities
- Developing environmental education program at Seney and initiating at Whitefish point
- Assist with developing CCP for our three island refuges

Position details at:

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

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