

### **Job Opportunity – Carpenter Assistant Seasonal / Temporary**

**Position:** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is seeking a Carpenter Assistant with the Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau to assist in its Central Shop. The position is based in Solon, Iowa, with some travel statewide.

**Appointment:** Start and end dates are flexible but the typical season runs from May through end of August, potentially into early October.

**Job Description:** The Carpenter Assistant will be responsible for performing a wide range of carpentry work in the maintenance, repair, and construction of state park facilities and structures. This position will work under the direction of the Central Shop Manager. Work will take place both indoors at the Central Shop and outdoors, in a variety of weather conditions, in various natural state park settings across the state.

**Duties include:**

- Construction & Repair:
  - Construct and install signage
  - Maintain, repair, and refinish lodge and cabin furniture
  - Repair and maintain buildings, cabins, shelters, picnic areas, restroom facilities, boardwalks, signs, and other park structures
  - Repair and maintain park infrastructure including wooden decks, fences, benches, and railings
- Maintenance:
  - Mow and trim grass and maintain grounds to reflect a park setting
  - Maintain woodwork, cabinetry, and other carpentry elements in good condition
  - Maintain inventory of carpentry tools, materials, and supplies
- Safety & Compliance:
  - Follow safety regulations and procedures, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Maintain a clean, organized, and safe work environment

**Qualifications:** This position requires the ability to lift 50 pounds and perform outdoor physical labor in any type of weather and/or on rugged terrain. The candidate must have a valid driver's license. Preferred candidates may have coursework in carpentry; proficiency with carpentry tools and equipment, including power tools, hand tools, saws, drills, and measuring instruments; experience working in parks, recreation, or public facilities.

**Salary:** \$15.00 / hour

Deadline to apply: May 1, 2026

**To apply**

To apply, e-mail cover letter (with available start and end dates) and resume to:

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