

Wild Earth Farm and Sanctuary Intern FAQ

Thanks for your interest in interning at Wild Earth Farm and Sanctuary!
We provide a variety of tasks, so you are able to learn as much as possible!
One day you may be gardening, the next compost making or leading a tour,
working on a building project, maintaining animal barns, painting,
trail-building, or helping with social media, research or fundraising.



Is it vegan?

Out of respect for our fellow creatures, the entire farm sanctuary is a vegan space so we ask that you do not bring or consume meat, dairy, eggs, seafood, honey, beeswax, or other animal products while on the farm.

Is there housing?

You may be sharing a living space with other interns in our Guest House. There are 2-3 bedrooms, a kitchenette, library/living room, small bathroom with composting toilet, and other areas where occasional volunteers/guests may sometimes be staying.

Do you provide food and other supplies?

We provide bedding, towels and kitchen supplies. Unfortunately we cannot provide any groceries, but you are welcome to share some of the garden's simple harvest of organic vegetables and herbs if we have some while you're here. Staples, treats, and all other food is your responsibility. You will also need to bring sufficient soap, shampoo, and laundry soap for your stay.

Do you accommodate special needs?

Yes, just please email us in advance at wildearthfarm@gmail.com if you'd like to let us know of any physical or other limitations or abilities that may affect your work or life here.

Can I bring substances?

There is no smoking or vaping in any of the farm buildings and if you smoke we ask that you do it away from people, buildings, gardens, and animals. Do not bring illegal drugs.

Is there phone service/internet?

The farm is in a well-inhabited but mountainous area. You may have some issues with your cell

phone coverage. High speed internet is available in the main farm house but not the intern space.

How long is an internship?

Internships are minimum one month commitments and can be renewed indefinitely if agreeable to all parties. Internships are available from May 1-October 31. If either party is unhappy with the intern arrangement, interns may leave at any time.

Is it full time?

Internships are always full time. This typically means we sometimes work more than 40 hour weeks, mostly outside, 5 days a week. At least 2 days a week will be available for relaxation and to explore!

What is your location like?

We are located in a beautiful rural area, next to the Daniel Boone National Forest. We are about 10 miles from the town of Irvine (known for the Mountain Mushroom Festival and on the Kentucky River), and one hour from the bigger cities of Lexington, Richmond, Berea (Kentucky's Arts and Crafts capital), and the Red River Gorge Park. There are a lot of great local events, such as moonlight markets, street fairs, concerts, and festivals.

How can I get there?

We can pick you up or drop you off when you start or end your internship (from the nearest airport, bus station, or from nearby towns such as Lexington). We highly encourage you to bring a vehicle if you have one, to facilitate trips off the sanctuary.

What will I learn?

We mostly believe in a "learning by doing" philosophy. You will be living and breathing the homesteading permaculture life, gardening and helping run the nonprofit organization and animal sanctuary. If you are interested in learning specific things, please ask questions!