

Glen Echo Park Clara Barton National Historic Site

Administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway

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Glen Echo Park
7300 MacArthur Blvd
Glen Echo, MD 20812

Clara Barton NHS
5801 Oxford Road
Glen Echo, MD 20812



Interpretation and Visitor Services Volunteer Needed

The National Park Service is seeking a student volunteer for the Interpretation and Visitor Services division of Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton National Historic Site, both administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Glen Echo Park began in 1891 as a National Chautauqua Assembly “to promote liberal and practical education.” By 1911, it transformed into DC’s premier amusement park until it closed in 1968. Since 1971, the National Park Service has owned and operated the site with the help of the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and offers year-round cultural and recreational activities.



Clara Barton National Historic Site was established in 1974 to interpret the life of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and is located adjacent to Glen Echo Park. The first national historic site dedicated to the accomplishments of a woman, it preserves the early history of the American Red Cross and illustrates Clara Barton’s dedication and concern for those less fortunate than herself.



Course credit for this internship may be available by arrangement with your academic advisor.

Volunteer Duties and Responsibilities:

- Will be cross-trained to work at both Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton NHS.
- Provides interpretation, visitor services, and tours to the general public and specialized groups in informal and formal settings at both sites.
- Researches, develops, and conducts interpretive programming such as a Clara Barton NHS house tour, a Glen Echo Park walking tour, and a Dentzel Carousel tour
- Performs roving assignments addressing park resources, recreational opportunities, stewardship, park policies, and addresses issues dealing with visitor safety.
- Will actively participate in Glen Echo Park’s Oral History Project by conducting and transcribing oral history interviews.
- Will complete assigned duties, tasks, and projects that support park goals and will play an active role in improving

Qualifications:

Applicants must be students with a background in history, sociology, anthropology, historic preservation, public history or similar disciplines. Must also possess strong interpersonal communication skills and the ability to work independently under minimal supervision. Basic computer skills are required. Applicants must also have independent transportation, as public transportation to Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton National Historic Site is limited.

For more information or to apply, please contact Vanessa Smiley, Volunteer Coordinator at 301-320-1404 or Vanessa_Smiley@nps.gov. Application must include a resume and cover letter.