

## INTERNSHIP PATHS PROJECT

<b>Where</b>	Parco Naturale Alpi Marittime; Valdieri (CN)
<b>Starts</b>	1 August 2010
<b>Finishes</b>	26 September 2010
<b>Minimum stay</b>	4 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1st period: 1 August – 29 August 2010</li> <li>✓ 2nd period: 29 August – 26 September 2010</li> </ul>
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<b>Type of internship</b>	<b><i>Survey and mapping of paths using GPS</i></b>
<b>description of the internship</b>	The volunteers, in pairs, will follow paths in the Park making a photographic and topographic survey using GPS of all the important features (bends, footbridges, springs, signposts, buildings etc) following a protocol defined by the Regione Piemonte. The topographic survey will be completed by filling in forms to show the characteristics of the path (vegetation, structure etc) and signs of certain wildlife species (mustelids). For five days per week with a work load of 8-9 hrs per day.
<b>requirements</b>	<u>Necessary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- use of own vehicle</li> <li>- willingness to work outdoors in a mountain environment;</li> <li>- physical fitness and hiking skills;</li> <li>- good map reading skills</li> <li>- own hiking equipment, complete and suitable for the season</li> </ul> <u>Useful:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- experience in the use of GPS;</li> <li>- good knowledge of natural features of mountain environment</li> </ul>
<b>we offer</b>	<u>Professional training</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- instruction in the concepts of territory, environment and the organization of the Park services with particular reference to thematic cartography and geo-referencing data using G.I.S. (Geographical Information System);</li> <li>- the use of GPS for topographic surveys</li> <li>- tutor</li> </ul> <u>Logistics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- free lodgings in 2 bedded rooms in a Park Rest House, bathroom and shared kitchen facilities (board and travel expenses are volunteers' responsibility);</li> <li>- computer and internet access available at Park headquarters</li> </ul> on days-off there is the possibility of accompanying park staff in their work
<b>difficulty</b>	<b>Medium</b> Surveying paths requires a certain physical fitness although it is done slowly with numerous stops for marking waypoints and noting comments and descriptions.
<b>Contribution for expenses</b>	<i>Amico Parco</i> guarantees each volunteer a single weekly contribution towards expenses of € 75,00 per week.
<b>useful links</b>	<a href="http://www.parks.it/parco.alpi.marittime/">http://www.parks.it/parco.alpi.marittime/</a>