



## **Parks, Recreation & Tourism Graduate Research Assistantship Available**

The Parks, Recreation, & Tourism program at the University of Maine has a 12-month M.S. or Ph.D. graduate research assistantship available starting Fall 2006. The successful candidate will conduct research related to natural resources and outdoor recreation management from a social science perspective. Research will involve the study of communications, knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors in tourism-dependent and forest-dependent communities. Opportunities to develop skills in both quantitative surveys, and qualitative interviews and focus groups exist.

Ideal candidates will have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better, a combined verbal and quantitative GRE score of 1000 or better, and strong writing skills. Candidates with academic preparation in parks, recreation and tourism, environmental studies, forestry, political science, psychology, and sociology and related fields are encouraged to apply.

The assistantship offers: Stipends of \$12,434 for M.S. students and \$13,302 for PhD students, plus 9 credits of free tuition during each of the academic year semesters and 6 credits during the summer. Any additional credits are available at in-state tuition, regardless of the student's residence. Health insurance is included. Desk space, computer, and staff parking privileges are also provided.

The University of Maine ([www.umaine.edu](http://www.umaine.edu)) is located in Orono, a small college town bounded by the Stillwater and Penobscot Rivers. The campus is just eight miles north of Bangor, and four hours from Boston. The Bangor Region is centrally located in the state, providing nearby access to numerous outdoor recreation areas including Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park, and the Appalachian Trail. Detailed information on the PRT program and Department of Forest Management can be found at: <http://www.forest-resources.umaine.edu/>.

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