



Call for Volunteer Island Caretaker Couple

Burnt Island – Boothbay Harbor, Maine

May 15 – October 15, 2026

The Department of Marine Resources is seeking a volunteer couple to serve as the seasonal caretakers of Burnt Island, located one mile outside of Boothbay Harbor. This unique opportunity offers an unforgettable summer of living on a historic island and supporting one of Maine's treasured coastal resources, while working closely in partnership with our friends' group, the Keepers of the Burnt Island Light.

Position Overview

Caretakers will live on Burnt Island for the duration of the season. Access to the island is by boat only, and volunteers must be comfortable operating small vessels in coastal conditions. The selected couple will stay in the upstairs portion of the historic Burnt Island Keeper's House, which includes private bedrooms and bathroom facilities for their use. The downstairs level serves as a public museum. Kitchen facilities are shared in the Education Center with staff, educators, and overnight campers. CPR and First Aid training will be provided. Please note, smoking is not permitted on Burnt Island.

Primary Responsibilities

- Greeting visitors and creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere
- Providing tours and sharing the history and significance of Burnt Island
- Routine lawn care and light gardening
- Keeping island facilities neat, tidy, and presentable
- Serving as calm, courteous points of contact during busy days or challenging situations

Candidates should bring

- Proven boating experience and confidence navigating to and from the island
- A passion for history, storytelling, and Maine's marine environment
- A friendly, kind, and courteous demeanor
- The ability to remain calm and helpful in stressful situations
- Comfort living in a remote, boat-access-only setting

This is an extraordinary chance to live on the coast of Maine, contribute to public education, and care for a beloved historic landmark.

For more information or to apply, please send a letter of interest to: **burnt.island.dmr@maine.gov**

