

Emma Gwyn Member Spotlight



Emma Gwyn (she/her) graduated from University of Vermont in May 2019 where she majored in Environmental Sciences and minored in Geospatial Technologies. While at UVM, Emma worked for the Spatial Analysis Lab and was a GIS Intern with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. Her GIS interest and expertise has transferred into her service as a Field Program Technician with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR). Emma is focusing on a long-term pilot GIS mapping project in which she collects data of all development and infrastructure in the state parks within the Southwest Region. The goal of this project is to use this inventory data to assess the condition of park infrastructure to efficiently and effectively create data reports, as well as continuous improvement. She has already mapped nine of eleven parks so far and will be able to finalize the other two maps this coming field season! Outside of daily service, she has been gaining independent service hours by writing brief summaries for the Vermont DEC's Lake Wise Shoreland Best Management Practices for the Lake Dunmore and Fern Lake Association's newsletter "Catch of the Week". Emma is also one of two of our resident canoeists, and guides wilderness canoe trips in northern Ontario every summer. Although when the lakes and rivers freeze, she happily turns in her canoe for her snowboard. Emma is one of our many members who is willing to travel all over the state to volunteer at fellow ECO's host sites and events and takes advantage of almost any training opportunity that is presented to her.

"I serve because as a person who has been fortunate enough to spend much of my life outside and enjoying nature, I want to help maintain those natural spaces in order to provide others with a similar opportunity."