

Are you looking for field experience in Norway?

We are looking for students/interns for fieldwork in May and June 2018 (8 weeks) in Hedmark, Norway.



Aim:

The goal of the project is to provide knowledge for a more integrated management of moose and forestry in Norway. Forestry produces forage for moose, and moose browsing can lead to economic losses in forestry due to reduced growth, survival and quality of pine trees.

Fieldwork tasks:

The fieldwork consists of moose pellet group surveys (an index for moose density) and browse measurements at permanent plots. Plots have been monitored since 2012, using the same methods every year.

We work in a team (2 groups of 2 students) hiking to plots and collecting pellet and browse data. You will have the chance to experience the amazing boreal forest (and mountains!) with species such as moose, roe deer, capercaillie, black grouse, woodpeckers and if you are really lucky, owls, bears and other more elusive animals.

Requirements:

Willingness to work long days in the field no matter what weather or how many mosquitoes, hike off-trail, contribute to a good social environment and a cheerful atmosphere ☺

Knowledge of use of GPS, maps, identification of animal scats, vegetation types and identification of tree species in the spring (before leaves) is an advantage, but training in the appropriate methods will be provided.

What you will learn:

- Use of GPS, maps, compass and navigation
- Identification of scats of different species
- Identification of trees and vegetation types
- Identification of cervid browsing signs and tree damage and changes in tree morphology
- Data analysis (optional)

Compensation

Field housing is covered for students. Students are not paid but they can get study credits if they are registered in the course Practice in Applied Ecology at the Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences.



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