

Chile Trail Building Job Information

1.0 Project

The project is to build 100km of mountain bike singletrack over a 2 year period. The trail network is constantly expanding over this period. Currently (April 09) there is a 2km loop on the river flats, and a 1.5km singletrack hill-climb and 1km singletrack descent



2.0 Job Description

The trail builder will need to be fit and able mountain biker. The work involves digging with a spade, pick, mattock, chainsaw use (equipment supplied). Each team of 2 kiwi trail builders will supervise & direct 4 local spanish speaking workers. The crew rides their bikes from the accommodation to and from the trailwork site each day. The trail builders will be following a marked trail route, but will need to have or quickly develop an eye for picking lines and making best use of the terrain.

3.0 Contract Length

Option 1: 1 year contract, expenses paid, \$NZ1000 bonus (paid on completion)

Option 2: 3 month contract, expenses paid

Option 3: 2-3 months, \$NZ1500 towards flight expenses, remainder repaid by reduced wage (total flight cost typically \$NZ3000)

4.0 Pay

Trail builders will receive a contract rate of \$NZ25/hr (including GST if applicable, PAYE tax paid in NZ) for the days worked onsite, 8 hrs/day, 5 days/week (2 day weekend to go ride, explore, rest, fish etc). Breakfast, morning tea, lunch, after work snacks and dinner

are provided by our chefs while onsite. Accommodation, power, internet and laundry are all provided while onsite.

5.0 Communications

There is no cell phone coverage onsite, however tri-band Vodafone & Telecom handsets will work in the local town Cohaique. There is high speed wireless internet access onsite so you can use Skype and email to keep in touch if you bring a laptop or internet capable phone.



6.0 Location

Lago La Paloma, in southern Chile reached by 10hr flight from Auckland to the Chilean capital Santiago, followed by a 3hr internal flight south landing in Balmaceda, then 40 min drive to Lago la Paloma, 40min boat ride to the property across the lake (only access). Nearest town Cohaique, 1.5hrs travel. The property is partly an old farm (no longer farmed) with Mountain Beech forest and grasslands. The soil is similar to Rotorua with some nice gold dirt. Up in the higher areas of the property there is rock, scree slopes, streams etc.

There is a gallery of photos here:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=101555&id=677755773&l=7bee0e9fca>



7.0 Climate

Similar to central otago, snow on the tops in winter, hot midday in the summer, generally pretty good temps for digging trails.

8.0 Flights

Will be booked for you by our Flight Centre representative with LAN Chile airline. Travel documents will be posted or emailed or you can pick them up directly. Please let us know if you wish to stay on in South America following your contract, or use the return flight allowance to fly somewhere else.

9.0 Travel Insurance

Is provided for the length of your work contract, if you need to you could extend it if you choose to holiday in South America after your contract.

10.0 What to bring

Work boots, 5 days worth of clothing to suit time of year, work gloves, waterproof raincoat & leggings, mtb, helmet, mtb clothing, optional: camera, laptop, plug adaptor for chargers. There are no good bike shops here, so make sure your gear is in good working order before you leave. A full packing list will be provided.

10.0 What to do on days off

We haven't been here long, so I'm sure this list will get longer as we explore more, however so far the crew have spent a lot of time fishing in the lakes, exploring the animal tracks in the hills on bike and foot. The nearby town of Cohaique has a National Reserve Forest that has about 30km of singletrack, including a climb to a 1360m peak and some trails that are shuttle-able.

11.0 Partners and Family

The position does not include provision to accommodate either partners or families.

12.0 Vaccinations

Recommended vaccinations for Chile are Typhoid, Rabies, Polio and Tetanus. But you don't have to have them; it's completely up to you.

13.0 Applications

Please put together a quick CV covering the following topics:

Previous trail building experience, riding experience and what type of riding you're into, fitness level, chainsaw qualifications, other qualifications, age, work experience.

Advise your preferred and second choice departure dates (3 month contracts).

May 15th 2009

Sept 29th 2009

Jan 11th 2010

March 17th 2010

May 21st 2010

July 25th 2010

September 28th 2010

Jan 10th 2011

March 16th 2011

May 20th 2011

If you haven't already, get yourself on a chainsaw course that covers the following NZQA Forestry qualifications:

- Level 3 6917 Operate a chainsaw
- Level 2 6916 Demonstrate knowledge of the Code of Practice relating to chainsaw use.

These course are typically free or low cost.

Make sure your passport is current.

Send applications to jeff@southstaradventures.com