

# A Summers Journey

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## Project Summary

This summer I received the opportunity to travel 1,600 miles across the United States to the deep south of Louisiana for a summer job experience. I was not looking forward to the drive one bit until I decided that I could actually implement this project during the drive to make it better. My project was to complete a field journal of all the different wildlife and ecosystem's I experienced along the way. To complete this journal I made sure to take plenty of pictures and document what I experienced when I make my trip from the dry Utah deserts all the way to the wet and marshy swamps of Louisiana.



This is a picture that I took about thirty miles east of Lafayette, LA on a Saturday trip to experience some swamp areas.

## Project Highlights

Getting the experience to travel across the U.S. from the top of the Rocky Mountains to as low as below sea level of Louisiana; I was able to experience not only some amazing scenery changes, but also meet so many amazing people and enjoy some great hospitality.

One thing that this project taught me was to not take for granite the amazing places that we get the chance to explore every single day. Leaving Utah when I did for the entire summer really put into perspective of just how amazing of a place we call home.

By experiencing and seeing the things that I did, I've grown knowledge of the different settings and ecosystems that will come in handy in my hopes to become a Natural Resource Officer.

## From My Journal

“Being my third day in Louisiana I finally seen my first wild alligator walking through the tall grass outside my hotel; oddly enough, nobody seemed to care!”



Driving across the plains of Kansas/Oklahoma I didn't get a chance to stop, but was able to snap a picture of the use of wind turbines that have been put up in high wind areas to generate power.