

## Weir Farm National Historic Site (CT)

Rachel Panasci Lima has lived in western Connecticut her entire life. She spent the majority of her childhood outdoors, exploring the many beautiful state parks and hiking trails that the state of Connecticut has to offer with her father.

Equipped with a preference of being outdoors and a longstanding interest in history, she attended Central Connecticut State University, where she attained a Bachelor of Arts in History. During her time at CCSU she took an interest in local history, speaking at several conferences including URCARD and Connecticut History Day. In January 2018, Rachel was among the first undergraduates to be invited to present at the American Historical Association's annual conference in Washington, D.C. for her research on Connecticut Native American Populations. In fall 2019, she will begin her graduate career at the University of Massachusetts's Amherst where she has been accepted into the Master of Arts in History, Public History Certificate Program. Conservation Legacy and the National Park System has given her the opportunity to combine her background in history and enjoyment of nature to begin a career that will help her inspire others to get outdoors and get involved!

