

PARK RANGER I

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This work involves a responsibility for the preservation of County property by patrolling parks and discouraging vandalism, theft and fires, and the maintenance of County parklands. Hours of work may vary and are subject to change, depending on seasonal needs. The work is performed under the direction of a Parks Operations Manager and/or Coordinator and work guidance (e.g. lead work) is provided over court-assigned offenders and/or student laborers in general clean-up and maintenance tasks. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Patrols assigned areas on foot or by vehicle to maintain order and to preserve County parks by discouraging vandalism, theft and fires, and by warning offenders, monitoring park use, etc.;

Provides work guidance to court-assigned offenders and/or student laborers in maintenance and general clean-up tasks as directed by Park Operations Manager and/or Park Ranger II;

Advises violators of hunting and fishing laws and contacts Sheriff's patrol for issuance of summonses when appropriate;

Directs traffic and otherwise provides protection to the public;

Provides information to the general public on the use of park facilities, points of interest and safety requirements;

Performs routine maintenance work to park facilities, trails and to unimproved areas;

Maintains liaison with County departments, as needed;

Keeps records and makes simple reports concerning park attendance, vehicle and equipment maintenance and incident reports;

May participate in first aid or rescue activities.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of general rules of park conservation and fire prevention; good knowledge of hunting and fishing laws; working knowledge of fire and accident prevention, first aid and safety methods and techniques; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others, including the general public; ability to conduct educational tours using appropriate terminology; ability to maintain records and prepare routine written reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and two (2) years of experience involving the protection of property and/or safe-guarding of personnel; or
2. Two (2) years of college (minimum of 60 college credits) and one (1) year of experience involving the protection of property and/or safe-guarding of personnel.

NOTE:

1. Work experience as a Park Ranger, Forest Ranger, Environmentalist or related field may be substituted for education and/or experience on a year-for-year basis.
2. College with specialization in Forestry, Environmental Science or Protection, Wildlife Management or related may be substituted for experience on the basis of thirty (30) credits for each year of experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Incumbents must provide own transportation to each day's assignment(s).
2. When required to perform driving duties, must possess a valid New York State Motor Vehicle License appropriate for the class of vehicle operated.

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3. Must complete all required pre-assignment training (must be provided by a certified security guard instructor at an approved security guard school) and all additional training and registration requirements as specified by the New York State Security Guard Act of 1992 and in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Department of State, Division of Licensing Services.

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