

PARK RANGER II

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is responsible work of a complex nature that involves the preservation of County property and the maintenance of County parklands. The work differs from that of a Park Ranger I in the overall responsibility for work direction, and the completion of more complex assignments. Hours of work may vary and are subject to change, depending on seasonal needs. The work is performed under the general direction of a Parks Operations Manager and/or Coordinator and work guidance (e.g. lead work) may be provided to Park Rangers, Groundswokers, court-assigned offenders and/or student laborers. The Park Ranger II may act for and in the absence of the Parks Operations Manager. 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 guided tours and makes presentations to various civic, fraternal and school groups and the general public regarding environmental issues in County parks, wildlife habitat, forestry practices, etc.;

Plans environmentally related work projects, such as general clean-up tasks, nursery care, erosion control, cutting down trees and the repair of vandalized areas;

Operates various equipment to properly maintain parkland;

Provides input and makes recommendations regarding maintenance schedules, including but not limited to spraying, watering, tree removals, etc.;

Advises violators of hunting and fishing laws and contacts Sheriff for issuance of summonses, when appropriate;

Maintains records and prepares written reports, when necessary;

Develops programs to manage recreation fields, picnic areas and a variety of trails;

Maintains and repairs equipment and keeps detailed logs of maintenance schedules;

Reviews technical papers, catalogs and other resource materials in order to make recommendations for the purchase of supplies;

May act as liaison with County and New York State departments, as needed;

May participate in first aid and rescue activities;

May provide on-the-job training to new employees, youthful offenders and/or student laborers;

May act for and in the absence of a Parks Operations Manager on weekends, as needed.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of forestry, wildlife habitat and environmental and park conservation; good knowledge of hunting and fishing laws and regulations; good knowledge of fire and accident prevention, first aid and safety methods and techniques; ability to conduct tours, using appropriate terminology; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing and with members of various local and New York State departments including the general public; ability to understand and interpret written material; ability to maintain records and prepare written reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Forestry, Wildlife Management, or related field and two (2) years of experience as a Park Ranger, Forest Ranger or related;
2. An Associate's degree in Environmental Science, Forestry, Wildlife Management, or related field and three (3) years of experience as a Park Ranger, Forest Ranger, or related.

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. When required to perform driving duties, must possess a valid New York State Motor Vehicle License, appropriate for the class of vehicle to be operated.
2. 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.

PROMOTION: Two (2) years of permanent status as a Park Ranger I.