

Specification for Class of

PARK RANGER, SEASONAL

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Definition: Under supervision, assists higher level rangers in the visitor services, law enforcement and general maintenance of a State park or park area.

Distinguishing Characteristics: All Park Ranger, Seasonal employees are required to become fully commissioned law enforcement officers upon appointment.

Typical Work

Patrols park, beaches, and other park properties;

Issues infraction notices; enforces liquor laws; makes physical arrests and subdues assaultive individuals;

Performs a wide range of police functions including prevention of theft, vandalism, fires, misuse of park resources;

Contacts park visitors and provides information on park rules and regulations;

Supervises and works with subordinates;

Registers park visitors and assigns them to appropriate use area; collects and accounts for fees;

Performs clean-up work and enforces standards of cleanliness and sanitation within park areas;

Performs maintenance and repair of park structures and facilities; performs groundskeeping activities;

Maintains records of park activities; prepares reports;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: geography, points of interest, and principal recreation areas of state; methods of protecting, operating, and

maintaining a State park unit; policies, procedures, and rules of State Parks and Recreation Commission; proper methods of transplanting and protecting natural trees, shrubs, and flowers; fire prevention and suppression methods and equipment, traffic and foot patrol, self-defense skills, principles of violator contact, constitutional law, WACs, and RCWs as they relate to law enforcement, laws of arrest and evidence.

Ability to: plan, organize, and supervise work of others; satisfy complaining or irate park visitors using tact, diplomacy, and mature judgment; maintain records, write reports; use hand and power tools; physically perform varied, manual tasks over extended periods of time, meet physical standards, take charge of situations, communicate laws and regulations to park visitors.

Minimum Qualifications

One year of college.

AND

Successful completion of one of the following programs: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Law Enforcement Academy; Seasonal Park Ranger Law Enforcement Training sanctioned by Washington State Parks; Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Academy; P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standards Training) from another state; or a Reserve Officer Training Program from a local law enforcement jurisdiction sanctioned by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission or approved by the Washington State Parks.

AND

Six months of experience in outdoor recreation, natural resources, forestry recreation, conservation, environmental resources, or closely related field OR one year of commissioned law enforcement experience.

AND

Current American Red Cross Standard First Aid certification or equivalent.

Additional college-level course work in park management, outdoor recreation, conservation, forestry, environmental resources, natural sciences (i.e., biology, botany, zoology, geology)

archaeology, anthropology or history, or other related natural resource field may be substituted for the required experience.

An unrestricted (other than corrective lenses) driver's license.

NOTE: There is no substitution for the law enforcement requirements. In order to meet the law enforcement requirements, you must have either taken the required training or been employed as a commissioned law enforcement officer within the last five years.

NOTE: To meet the minimum standards of the Washington State Parks Commission, the law enforcement training must include the following classes: criminal procedures (18), criminal law (12), law enforcement communication (6), crisis intervention (10), defensive tactics (10), patrol procedures (30), traffic (14), criminal investigation (10), evidence law (6), firearms handling and familiarization (12), emergency vehicle operation (16), use of force (2), ethics (1), and civil liability (1). The number of course hours needed in each subject area are noted in parentheses.

NOTE: Applicants must be at least 21 years old at time of appointment.

NOTE: Applicants must be willing to submit to and pass a background investigation and reference check.

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