U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service



The Northeast Region of the National Park Service is composed of complex and varied natural, cultural, and recreational resources that include the rock-bound shores of Maine, the eastern deciduous forests of the Appalachian Mountains, coastal barrier islands, and sub-alpine summits.

The states within the region are: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia. This highly urbanized and ethnically diverse area of the National Park Service hosts 52 million visitors at 76 parks, more than 20 percent of all park units in the entire National Park System.

NPS is currently looking to hire students for our Summer Seasonal Employment Program. We are gathering resumes, primarily sophomores and juniors who are interested in learning about NPS and our opportunities for employment.

Working for the National Park Service is different from any other work experience you will encounter. Whether your passion is History or Biotech, protecting our environment or preserving the



cultural heritages that make our country what it is, this work is special and we're looking for special people to help us do it. NPS offers a variety of exciting and rewarding assignments across the Northeast Region. Our Temporary and Seasonal positions are ideal for undergrad majors in History, Environmental Sciences, Law Enforcement, Public Affairs, Education, Public Administration, Engineering and Recreation Management to name a few. These work experiences also enable the candidate a firsthand look at employment with the NPS. Diverse students seeking to enrich their summers by pursuing a practical application of their education through work are encouraged to submit their resumes and transcripts.

To be eligible to for any summer seasonal job under the **Student Temporary Employment Program**, the individual must be a student in good standing taking at least a half-time academic, vocational or technical course load. The definition of half-time must meet your academic institutions definition of half-time. The program is available to both undergraduate; those pursuing associate and Baccalaureate degrees, and graduate; those pursuing graduate and or professional degrees. In order to become candidates, a resume and an official transcript must be included in the submitted application. You may submit the documents via email to the Equal Opportunity Office at <u>NEREEO@nps.gov</u>.

Applicable majors include but are not limited to; History Public Relations Recreation Management Geology Anthropology Archeology Sociology Business Administration Accounting Criminal Justice Biological Sciences

U.S. citizenship and passing a federal background check is required for all of the following seasonal positions. Some are uniformed positions and may also require a driver's license. The following are a listing of the seasonal position descriptions we have available.

### **VISITOR USE ASSISTANT**

As a uniformed employee of the National Park Service, you serve as a front-line representative of the agency and frequently you are the first and only contact the visiting public has with an NPS employee. You work at an entrance station, visitor center, campground or other visitor contact station, collecting fees and providing answers to visitor questions about recreational opportunities, interpretive services, and concession facilities and services. You distribute maps and brochures, provide directions through the park and inform visitors of potential safety hazards. As you're responsible for collecting fees and following accountability guidelines for handling government funds, you must pass a required background investigation. You operate an electronic cash register, perform open and closing shift functions to verify money collected and stock sold. Other duties may include a variety of visitor services such as traffic control, radio dispatching or back-country patrols.

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### PARK GUIDE

Would you like to practice your public speaking skills? As a uniformed employee of the National Park Service, you deliver interpretative programs to educate visitors. You independently present a variety of talks and briefings and respond to visitor questions. Your presentations are generally short and concern park orientation and visitor safety. You explain the area's natural, cultural and/or historic resources, recreational opportunities, concession facilities and services, availability of campgrounds and hiking trails. You provide information on current park events, projects, and policies, as well as updates on issues affecting the natural, historical and/or cultural preservation of the area. Park guides work in or near the park visitor center or visitor contact station, and at auditoriums, campgrounds, trails, or in the field. Other duties may include visitor services such as fee collection, traffic control, back-country patrols, and administrative tasks.

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# PARK RANGER INTERPRETERS

Do you like working directly with the public? As a park ranger for the National Park Service, you (1) interpret and explain park resources to visitors; (2) facilitate visitor enjoyment of the park and its resources; (3) help ensure visitor behavior that protects park resources and gain friendly compliance with the laws and rules for safe use of the park; and (4) encourage visitors to develop a sense of stewardship of park resources. You research and present interpretive programs, and present a variety of formal and informal programs including orientation talks, environmental education programs, conducted walks, demonstrations and campfire programs. You tell visitors about park facilities and resources such as visitor centers, campgrounds, historical sites and auditoriums. Other duties may include gathering information for reports, compiling statistical data, assisting with search and rescue efforts or helping to combat wild-land and structural fires.

- to increase the visitors' enjoyment of the Park while protecting it.
- provide orientation and park resource information to visitors through brief orientations and presentations.
- be in contact visitors' while roving trains on foot or by bike.
- two weeks of training is provided in early June.

# PARK RANGER PROTECTION (POLICE)

Do you want excitement and challenge in your job? Become a Park Ranger (Protection) protecting the National Park Service resources. As a Park Ranger in this position, protecting the resources will be your main focus. You will patrol backcountry areas, protect park resources and visitors, apprehend violators, enforce park rules and regulations, provide emergency services, manage wildlife/h uman interactions on the roadways or in campgrounds, and encourage visitors to develop a sense of stewardship for park resources. You will also provide information to visitors about park resources.

### HISTORIANS

At the basic trainee level, work assignments are preselected to provide orientation and training in the location of source materials and in the methodology involved in historical research. The supervisory historian, or an historian of higher grade, provides specific and detailed guidance in, and definitive review of, all aspects of the work. Typically, personal work contacts are closely restricted and are usually confined to obtaining information and receiving instructions.

### **MISCELLANEOUS CLERK AND ASSISTANT**

Clerical work involves the processing or maintenance of records or documents which represent the transactions or business of an organization. The work requires knowledge of the procedures and a technique involved in carrying out the work of an organization and involves application of procedures and practices within the framework of established guidelines.

### **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN**

You have a direct impact on managing the resources of our National Parks by collecting essential field data. You collect samples and record all data collected. You work in the field, laboratory, or typical

office setting. You install, operate and maintain tools, traps, and sampling, monitoring, photographic, and laboratory equipment. You use a variety of computer programs to compile, store, and report data and resource management information, including natural science research and long-term monitoring projects. You also maintain and organize computer databases and prepare correspondence, reports and other documents.

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# FORESTRY TECHNICIAN

Apply practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of forestry and other biologically based resource management fields to perform work in support of an organization's vegetation management efforts. Gather statistical data from a variety of sources such as instrument readings, measurements, tests, observations, and inspections. Reviews existing guidelines and procedures; develops methodology for current study. Studies are generally related to forestry, forestry ecology, or forestry biology.

- reducing fuel hazards along park boundaries and around important park facilities
- may be a part of a work crew or perform daily tasks individually
- operates chainsaws, portable pumps brush cutters, chippers and other common power tools
- must be in good physical shape and be able to pass a performance test carrying a 45lb pack over a three mile level walk.

# SEASONAL MAINTENANCE WORKERS roads/grounds

Maintenance work is vital to the safe and efficient operation of our parks. Throughout the country, park units call on trades and crafts personnel to maintain and construct trails, roads, housing, visitor facilities, utility systems, signs, furniture, and so on. As a maintenance worker, you perform skilled and semiskilled work in a variety of trades: trail maintenance work is frequently conducted out-of-doors and normally requires the ability to lift heavy objects in a variety of terrains.

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### ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Operate a wide variety of construction and engineering equipment at the journey-level. You will be responsible for carrying out routine road maintenance operations and special construction projects. Duties include preventive maintenance in compliance with manufacturer's specifications, completing

simple repairs and assisting mechanics in more complex repairs of all equipment operated, installing road closure gates, sign maintenance, installing snow poles, shoveling snow, patching, flagging, hazard tree removal, brushing, culvert cleaning, striping, crack sealing and other duties associated with the construction and maintenance of park roads and related structures.

# LIFEGUARDS

Our lifeguards are responsible for safeguarding the lives of persons using the swimming pools. Rescues swimmers and administers first-aid as required. Ensures safety rules are followed. Ensures the pool and surrounding areas are clean and free from hazards. Tactfully warns patrons who repeatedly disregard safety rules, and reports their behavior to the Lead Lifeguard.

- keep a daily beach log, keep rescue equipment in a response ready state
- participate in lifeguard training skills during the summer
- provide park visitors with accurate information, when asked questions about the park
- provide first aid and sometimes be involved in search and rescues in and around the beaches.

