

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

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Specification for Class of

PARK RANGER 2

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Definition: Positions function as second-line supervisor or assist the manager of a Class 4 park area in developing, controlling and accomplishing program activities for a group of parks in non-contiguous locations.

Distinguishing Characteristics: This is the journey-level class within the Park Ranger classification series. Positions are responsible for the management and operation of a level 2 State park; or serves as a head ranger in a level 2 satellite park unit in an area management concept; or serves as principal assistant to a Park Ranger 3 or 4; or leads and directs one or more permanent Park Ranger 1s or serves as a full-time, year-round Environmental Learning Center (ELC) Manager. Allocation to this level is determined by the assignment of points by the Park Management Position Allocation System.

The points assigned to each park, area, or facility are the result of yearly evaluations performed by the Operations Division of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, as listed in accordance with the Park Management Position Allocation System. Positions are distinguished from Park Rangers 1 who are assigned by management decision.

Typical Work

Supervises and works with subordinates on development, construction and maintenance of park structures, camp sites, water and sanitary systems, recreational, camping, picnicking, interpretation, and other park facilities;

Inspects work in progress and upon completion to ensure that plans and specifications have been followed;

Disseminates information to the public; establishes and maintains cooperative relations with the general public, contractors, and officials of other public jurisdictions;

Protects park properties; exercises commissioned police power;

Manages an ELC, including all phases of purchasing, collection of visitor fees, coordination with visitor groups, maintenance of facilities and equipment, submittal of project work requests, budgeting expenditures, requisitioning equipment and supplies, operating within the allotted budgets and completing all ELC related reporting requirements;

Oversees activities of concessionaires to ensure compliance with concession agreements and park rules;

Maintains records of park activities; prepares reports;

Registers park visitors and assigns them to appropriate use area; collects and accounts for fees; answers questions and explains park policies and regulations;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: the philosophy of recreation, problems in protecting, maintaining, and improving a State park unit; the purposes, organization, policies, and rules of the State Parks and Recreation Commission; proper methods of transplanting and protecting natural trees, shrubs, and flowers; fire prevention and suppression methods and equipment; methods used in receiving, accurately recording and safeguarding money; principles of effective supervision; geography, points of interest, and principal recreation area of State.

Ability to: plan, organize, and supervise work of others; favorably represent the Commission in day-to-day contacts with the public; write reports; use hand and power tools; physically perform varied manual tasks over extended periods of time.

Minimum Qualifications

One year of experience as a Park Ranger 1 within Washington State service.

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

NOTE: Employees are required to be fully commissioned law enforcement officers.

NOTE: The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will designate the need for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with specific endorsements. Candidates selected for CDL positions will be tested for use of controlled substance and alcohol misuse as required by the 1991 Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act.

NOTE: Applicants may be required to obtain the following licenses: Pesticide, Asbestos Supervisor, Water Treatment, Waste Water Treatment, Hazardous Waste Handlers.

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