

### Class Concept

Park Rangers serve as field officers statewide in a law enforcement operation in the State Parks Division having statewide and/or special jurisdiction charged with enforcing the relevant laws of the State of North Carolina. Park Rangers have full law enforcement authority in the assigned area with a focus on patrol activities to deter and detect violations but may participate in criminal investigations. Park Rangers perform a variety of tasks in areas including ensuring visitor safety and protection and compliance to park regulations by monitoring boundaries for trespassing & poaching, providing first responder and search & rescue assistance, patrolling roads, campgrounds and other areas and developing and conducting educational programs and management of natural and cultural resources. Employees make arrests, issue citations, apprehend violators, obtain evidence and testify in court. Employees may supervise temporary and/or volunteer workers. Work requires flexible hours to include day, night, weekend, holidays, emergency response, and on-call availability. Must live in on-site residence where available.

### Recruitment Standards

#### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of crime scene management and fingerprint lifting tools and techniques.
- Working knowledge of the requirements to obtain a search warrant and the warrant issuance process.
- Working knowledge of criminal statutes and case law for initial and follow up investigations.
- Working knowledge of the court process and ability to clearly and concisely present evidence.
- Working knowledge of the standard law enforcement equipment, its care, and safe use according to Department Policy.
- Ability to utilize technical and professional information to facilitate protection and safety of persons, state and personal property.
- Ability to utilize a methodical and logical approach to investigate and enforce criminal laws, state park rules and regulations.
- Ability to use proper radio procedures in accordance with department regulations (ex. official 10-code list, clearance codes, and signal codes).
- Working knowledge of maintenance and repair processes and methods.
- Ability of operation and basic care of small engines (i.e., lawn mowers, weed eaters, chainsaws and/or backpack blowers).
- Ability to relate to individuals and community groups and plan and conduct community programs.
- Ability to communicate effectively through interpersonal interactions and written.
- Ability to maintain CPR, First Aid and other required certifications.
- Ability to recognize community problems.

#### Minimum Education and Experience

Bachelor's degree preferably in Parks and Recreation and/or Natural Science from an appropriately accredited institution; or equivalent combination of training and experience.

#### Necessary Special Qualifications

Certification as a Law Enforcement Officer in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission or the ability to achieve certification within one year of employment.