

COUNTY OF SOLANO

PARK RANGER

DEFINITION

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Under direction, performs construction, repairs and maintenance work in County parks; maintains park safety and security through positive public relations and enforcement of laws, rules and regulations; performs related duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the journey level in the Park Ranger series. During winter months, the work performed is normally building and grounds maintenance, structural construction and repairs. During summer months, routine maintenance is performed and work emphasis is normally in public relations and the enforcement of all pertinent laws, rules and regulations within a County park. Incumbents must be able to deal effectively with the public in both a service and regulatory capacity. This class is distinguished from that of park Ranger Supervisor in that the latter retains overall responsibility for an assigned park and supervises subordinate employees.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

Depending on assignment, duties may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Collects fees either at the gate or at each campsite; makes changes; prepares deposits after counting all receipts and money from camping and day-use fees.
2. Patrols Park grounds in a vehicle and/or on foot in all kinds of weather; explains and enforces park rules/regulations; advises public on rules and regulations; answers questions and assists the public who are using the park, as necessary; checks vehicles for proper fee receipts.
3. Plants waters, fertilizes and prunes trees, bushes and flowers using garden tools and hoses; mows lawns using push or rider mower; trims lawns with hand trimmers; sets out sprinklers to water lawns and other vegetation. Digs water rings around trees and shrubs using a shovel; replaces broken water pipes using saws, shovels, chemical sealants and glues.
4. Maintains and/or designs and builds facilities such as retaining walls, stairs and benches using hand and power tools and arc and gas welders.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES (Continued)

5. Constructs and/or repairs carports, broken fences, campsite posts, floating docks, and other objects using a variety of hand and power tools. Makes wooden signs to inform the public of park regulations; uses basic carpentry tools and techniques.
6. Assists in maintaining supply inventory; picks up and restocks supplies.
7. Makes arrests and issues citations, as necessary, using a patrol car, two-way radio, citation book, handcuffs and mace. May carry a side arm and baton. Responds to medical, fire and accident emergencies in the park and may assist other emergency response units. Provides emergency First Aid as required.
8. Assists in training new personnel.
9. Maintains a variety of tools and equipment; performs safety checks on vehicles and equipment.
10. Collects garbage and litter in campgrounds and picnic areas using bags and a vehicle. Cleans and sweeps tool shop and toll building and cleans grills and picnic tables using brooms, sponges and towels; maintains roads, trails and walks using shovels, rakes and brooms. Cleans restrooms using brushes and disinfectants; hoses down restroom walls and floors; replaces light bulbs, which requires using a ladder.

QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE

Any combination of experience, education and training which demonstrates possession of competency in requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILL/ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of basic arithmetic, County and park laws, rules, regulations and procedures; fee collection and deposit practices; safe and proper operation and maintenance of tools and equipment used in the parks; Sheriff's procedures for making arrests, radio communication and report writing; arrest, search and seizure laws; the mission and goals of the Parks Department.

Working knowledge of planting techniques and care of plants, flowers and shrubs; California Penal, Health and Safety Codes and Fish and Game laws applicable to park assignment; effective irrigation systems; available resources to procure assistance in emergencies or from which materials or labor may be obtained.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES (Continued)

Skill in driving a 4-wheel drive auto and truck with either an automatic or standard transmission both on pave or dirt roads at varying speeds and conditions including driving in areas of very rough terrain; proper and safe operation of a small tractor and riding lawn mower; skill in projecting a positive image, balancing good public relations with regulatory responsibility.

Ability to properly care for trees, bushes, lawns, roads, trails, walkways, drainage systems, picnic areas and campsites; properly and safely operate water sprinklers and couplers, push and riding lawn mowers, router, hand and power tools used in gardening and light construction; use chemical disinfectants properly and safely; follow park rules and regulations; explain and enforce rules and regulations; present a friendly, reassuring helpful image to the public; practice effective crowd control; write and speak clearly in a manner understood by the public and other employees; maintain an inventory; complete assignments correctly and on time; observe and remember license numbers, colors, incidents, vehicles in the event of a violation of rules or of the law; lift lawn mower, change blades and oil on the mowers; lift and carry heavy posts, garbage bags and items used in maintenance and construction; exhibit hand-eye coordination needed to operate a variety of hand and power tools, demonstrate tact, courtesy and reasonableness while explaining and/or enforcing park regulations.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Depending upon assignment, possession of a valid California Class A Driver's License with an X endorsement may be required.

Successful completion of first Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Penal Code 832 training are required.

Successful completion of a thorough background investigation is required.

Incumbents in this class are required to take and successfully pass a psychological examination.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Bilingual skills may be required for some positions.

Incumbents may be required to work evenings, nights, weekends and holidays; and may be required to take vacation during low park usage months.

Incumbents must work outdoors in all types of weather conditions.

Each County park requires a resident Ranger.

Independent travel may be required.