



**TITLE:** Park Ranger

**STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Casual

**SALARY CLASSIFICATION:** Hourly, Wage Schedule C

**BENEFITS:** Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**

Patrols assigned areas for the purpose of assisting park patrons to have an enjoyable, safe and pleasant park experience. Provides information, education, and assistance to park visitors to achieve resource protection, as well as visitor safety and security. Administers special use permits, lodges and shelter permits. Serves as a commissioned Peace Officer enforcing District rules and regulations, and other applicable laws. Performs duties with tact, diplomacy, discretion, and impartiality. Works to prevent violations of park rules and other laws whenever possible. Protects life, property, and maintains good order within the parks.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Reports to the Park Manager and the Ranger Supervisor.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:**  
Supervision of other Rangers as may be assigned by the Ranger Supervisor or the Park Manager.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Provides information, education, and assistance to park visitors in a friendly and respectful manner. Advises park visitors of Park District rules and regulations for the purpose of education, prevention, and deterrence.
2. Patrols assigned park properties on foot and when necessary with motor vehicles, bicycle or other designated park vehicles. Provides a deterrent to potential violators.
3. Enforces Park District rules and regulations with tact, diplomacy, discretion, courtesy, and without discrimination. May enforce applicable State Laws when warranted. May enforce applicable municipal ordinances when directed by supervision.
4. Admits groups to lodges and shelters and monitors their use. Secures the facility upon the group's departure.
5. Performs certain maintenance duties in emergencies or due to safety hazards.
6. Participates in the safety, risk management, and resource protection programs of the Park

District. Monitors environmental and other natural conditions such as flooding or wind storm, to adequately warn park patrons of potential threats to safety. Takes appropriate action after consultation with supervision to close areas or facilities as appropriate for the conditions.

7. Monitors and assists in special events and activities scheduled in parks.
8. Takes charge in case of accidents or other emergencies. Assists sick or injured visitors and administers first aid within the limits of training. Conducts necessary investigations.
9. Monitors conditions within and adjacent to park property to protect visitors and resources from fire and hazardous materials incidents. Takes appropriate fire suppression measures when needed. Assists in the management and/or containment of hazardous materials incidents within the limits of training and as directed by supervision.
10. Refers incidents of serious crimes and accidents to the local police for investigation.
11. Investigates and reports on suspicious activities. Apprehends, cites, or arrests violators when appropriate. Appears in court as a witness when required.
12. Makes written reports of patrol activities and incidents.
13. Performs related duties as assigned by the Ranger Supervisor, or Park Manager

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. **Education:** Associates degree or higher, or minimum of sixty (60) semester college academic hours preferred.
2. **Experience:** One (1) or more years experience in parks, natural resources or comparable law enforcement preferred.
3. **Licenses:**
  - A. Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Certification required by date of hire.
  - B. Successfully complete advanced training required by law or by the Park District.
  - C. Valid CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and Standard First Aid certifications obtained within six months of employment.
  - D. Must have valid State of Ohio Driver's license with clear driving record.
4. **Knowledge and abilities:**
  - A. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
  - B. Ability to make timely and effective decisions.
  - C. Ability to carry and use effectively, brush fire fighting tools and equipment.
  - D. Ability to move barricading to locations where needed, or to move emergency supplies, equipment or materials to locations within the parks.
  - E. Maintains knowledge of currently applicable procedures, policies, and court rulings regarding laws of arrest, search and seizure.
  - F. Maintains skill level with defensive equipment to meet State of Ohio re-qualification requirements.

G. Ability to operate vehicles safely.

5. **Physical Requirements:**

- A. Physical condition adequate to perform assigned tasks.
- B. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand, walk (often on uneven terrain), talk and hear. The employee frequently is required to use hands to finger, handle or feel and is required to reach with hands and arms. The employee is required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; taste or smell. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and may occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.
- C. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to extreme outside weather conditions including temperature, humid and wet; fumes or airborne particles; and confined spaces. The employee may be exposed to the body fluids of others while performing first aid/rescue procedures.

**CONDITIONS OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT:**

Must successfully complete a six-month probationary period.