

Who we are:

The Department of Environment and Conservation exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and promoting human health and safety.
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air and water.
- Conserving and promoting natural cultural and historic resources.
- Providing a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.

TDEC has approximately 3,000 employees statewide supported by a total budget of more than \$400 million. TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA .

About the Tennessee State Parks

From its beginning in 1937, Tennessee State Parks were established to protect and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic resources of Tennessee. The public interest has also been served by a variety of benefits for citizens and communities produced by our state park system, promoting stronger communities and healthier citizens across the state through diverse resource-based recreation while conserving the natural environment for today and tomorrow – preserving authentic Tennessee places and spaces for future generations to enjoy. As stewards of the resources in our parks, we seek to manage Tennessee's state parks in order to preserve and protect valued resources and to provide a balance of services and benefits for the enjoyment of the people.

Mission Statement:

"To provide professional, effective management and stewardship of the park and all its resources; present compelling interpretation of the park's story and resources; provide opportunities for safe enjoyable outdoor and recreational experiences to all park visitor; provide a safe and inspiring workplace for all park employees and volunteers; manage all park operations to be as efficient and cost effective as possible; and to partner with local community leaders to bring a positive economic impact to the area surrounding the park."



Tennessee State Parks and Conservation Seasonal Interpreter Recreator (SIR) Salary: \$10.95/Hr., 37.5 Hours Weekly

Our Tennessee State Parks are among the most beautiful parks in the United States. The careers offered working at our state parks are varied and diverse. We have amazing opportunities each summer for college students seeking degrees in general life sciences, forestry, wildlife, history, environmental science and other related degrees to work in our state parks handling a variety of responsibilities to support the needs of the park and their guests. If you want to have a fun summer, develop great customer service skills, work directly with Park Rangers, and enjoy many recreational opportunities, this may be the perfect summer job for you! To apply for this position: <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

We are seeking candidates who enjoy the outdoors, working with diverse age groups including children, and are comfortable in general with wildlife interactions. Some experience with outdoor camping, canoeing, boats, hiking, climbing is preferable. Housing for the summer is provided at most assigned parks.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Provide interpretive programs for park guests including guided tours, hikes, workshops, canoe floats, demonstrations, campfires and other outdoor activities.
- Work with Park Rangers to ensure park facilities, buildings, grounds and equipment are secure.
- Handle some general administrative duties to support the needs of the park including writing reports and maintaining assigned park records.
- Work directly with guests of the parks to share the history and story of the park. Become knowledgeable of park resources and guests' options to be able answer general questions about the park.

Additional Requirements:

- Applicant must be a sophomore by credit hours and be able to provide a copy of his/her current college transcript if selected for an interview.
- A valid Driver's License is required by all applicants.
- Candidates who are selected for the program will need to obtain a valid Tennessee Boater's License and must pass a criminal background check.

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy, the State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status or any other category protected by state and/or federal civil rights laws.