How to Get a Job with State Parks

To be hired, you must complete and submit the State of Texas online Application for Employment and required documents, and go through the TPWD hiring process. Applications are accepted only for current vacancies. Make sure your application thoroughly represents all relevant work and volunteer experience. To see positions currently open, visit tpwd.texas.gov/jobs.

In addition to full-time and part-time jobs, we have a variety of seasonal jobs as well as the Student Internship Program for students enrolled in an accredited college or university who meet minimum requirements. For more information, please visit the “Internship Program” section of our Jobs website at tpwd.texas.gov/jobs.

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Why Work for State Parks?

We like what we do, and our job satisfaction is high. We make a difference in our own lives and help ensure the protection of natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment of generations to come. Wherever you work in State Parks, you can choose a rewarding career with lifelong learning and a lasting legacy.

Lifelong Learning – Texas State Parks employees learn daily. Online and in-house training offer the chance for upward mobility and success to all.

Benefits – Texas State employees enjoy a wide range of short- and long-term benefits.

Outdoor recreation – TPWD state parks offer the chance to hike, fish, camp, hunt, watch birds and other wildlife, bicycle, kayak, swim or pursue other outdoor recreation opportunities.

Careers in the State Parks DIVISION

Founded in 1923 as the State Parks Board, and united with the Game and Fish Commission in 1963 to form Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the State Parks Division includes over 90 State Parks, Historic Sites and Natural Areas.

Texas State Parks, State Natural Areas and Historic Sites include over 600,000 acres of land. Over 7 million visitors enjoy our state parks each year. Maintaining and restoring state parks takes a tremendous team effort. Come, join our team!

If You Enjoy –

- Helping people connect with the outdoors
- Creating moments that lead to good memories
- Protecting our natural and cultural resources
- Providing safety, security, and law enforcement
- Keeping grounds and facilities in shape
- Using your talents in business and operations management

Then we have a job for you!

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Cultural Resources
Interested in historic preservation, archeology or living history? TPWD presents living history and manages and preserves historic sites and buildings – as well as archeological specimens, cultural resources and historic artifacts.

Law Enforcement
Our Park Police Officers provide a safe environment for all visitors and help protect our valuable natural and cultural resources. U.S. citizenship is required to be commissioned. Park Police Officer (PPO) is the job title to look for.

And much more!
Whether you are a computer whiz or outdoor enthusiast, you can find a niche in Texas State Parks. Your office could be in a restored CCC structure, a stand of pineywoods, or near the beach.

Natural Resources
Do you want to restore and protect vital habitats for Texas native animals, fish and plants as a conservation biologist? If so, look for the Natural Resource Specialist job title. These positions are among those that preserve species diversity. State Parks offers rewarding careers in natural resource management.

Interacting with Visitors
From the Operations Ranger repairing a leaky faucet to the Interpretive Ranger leading a nature walk, visitor relations is the job of every employee. People from all over the world come to share the wonders of the World Birding Center, Palo Duro Canyon, Texas beaches, swimming in Hill Country waters, and our historic sites.

Some of the job titles with visitor interaction include Park Police Officer, Interpreter, Clerk and Store Manager.

Texas Outdoor Family workshops and positions are another way to increase visitor enjoyment. To learn more, visit texasstateparks.org/tof.

Park visitors who spot uniformed park personnel may assume they are dealing with park rangers. Rangers are our most visible and identifiable staff members, but other staff – such as Park Superintendents, Interpreters, Operations Rangers and Park Police Officers – also wear the distinctive TPWD State Parks patch on their uniforms. Staff members, Park Hosts and interns may also wear official park clothing to show their proud association with Texas State Parks.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN STATE PARKS

INDOORS
Accountant
Administrative Assistant
Budget Specialist
Call Center Agent
Curator/Exhibit Tech
Customer Service Representative
Gift Shop/Texas Parks Store Manager
GIS Specialist
Office Assistant/Manager
Park Headquarters Clerk Planner Purchaser

OUTDOORS
Equipment Operator
Fire Management Specialist
Groundskeeper/Custodian
Lifeguard (seasonal)
Mechanic
Park Police Officer
Resource Specialist
Texas Outdoor Family
Tram Operator
Utility Plant Operator

INDOORS/OUTDOORS
Archeologist
Biologist
Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber
Landscape Architect
Living History
Maintenance Assistant/Specialist
Park Interpreter/Educator
Park Operations Trainee
Park Superintendent
Skilled Laborer
Trail Maintenance