Texas State Park Police Officers enjoy a challenging and rewarding career protecting some of the most important places in Texas and the people who visit them. From the mountains of west Texas to the Gulf Coast shoreline, state park police officers protect the resources of Texas State Parks for millions of visitors every year and for the generations to come.

Do you have what it takes?

If you’re ready to join this elite group of men and women or need more information, visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/jobs/ppo/

To apply, go to www.TexasStateParks.gov/jobs and search for State Park Police Officer positions.
Texas State Park Police Officers are State Police Officers commissioned by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Officers enforce state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and ensure the safety of visitors and resources. This mission is accomplished through patrols on land and water. Benefits include competitive pay and an established career path. Ranks include Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, and Chief.

Officers perform additional statewide law enforcement and public safety duties in their assigned area. These duties include natural disaster response, homeland security, search and rescue, joint law enforcement operations and other duties across the state.

If selected as a Texas State Park Police Cadet, you will attend the Texas Game Warden Academy at a state-of-the-art facility in Hamilton, Texas. Over seven months, you will complete the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Basic Peace Officer Course, and learn about conservation law enforcement. Topics include Wildlife and Fish Identification, Boat Operations, Officer Water Survival, All-Terrain Vehicle Operation, State Park Regulations, Firearms and much more.

Minimum qualifications for a State Park Police Cadet:

- Must be 21 years of age on or before the date of entry into the Law Enforcement Academy. No maximum age limit.
- Hold a Bachelor's level degree from an accredited college or university.
- Must be a United States citizen.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Must not have had a Texas Peace Officer License denied by final order or revoked, or have a voluntary surrender of a license currently in effect.
- Must not have been discharged from any military service under less than honorable conditions.
- Pass a background investigation.
- Be of good moral character.
- Meet Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Requirements for Licensing as a Texas Peace Officer.
- Pass psychological and physical exam.
- Pass Physical Readiness Test.