



STEM Careers

Park Ranger

Job Description: Helping to preserve and maintain state or national parks.

What does a Park Ranger do?

- Enforce rules and regulations of the park
- Provide visitors with information about the park
- Organize, plan, and host information events such as lectures and tours
- Patrol the park and check on visitors
- Learn search and rescue techniques
- Lead field trips and guided groups around the park
- Help create displays
- Be ready to respond to emergency situations
- Help with resource management and conservation of the park
- Maintain park trails
- Conduct investigations

Your Interests:

- Do you like being outdoors?
- Do you like working with a team?
- Do you feel passionate about conserving forests and wildlife?

Outlook:

Average Salary (North Carolina)-
Recruits earn around \$32,000 annually
Higher Park Rangers earn up to \$58,715

Education/Program of Study:

- Minimum of Associate's in a related field (outdoor recreation, parks management, resource protection, etc.
- Some paths require Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Natural Sciences, Law Enforcement, etc.

Sources:

<https://www.parkrangeredu.org/north-carolina/>

<https://www.environmentalscience.org/career/park-ranger>