


PARK RANGER


(Code No. 1966)


JOB PREVIEW


The City of Los Angeles strives to hire the best candidate for every position. Our goal is to fill each job with a person who is well-qualified, has an interest in the job, and who will be committed to a career in that field. To do this, we feel it is important for applicants to have a *realistic* understanding of the job so they can decide if the job is truly one in which they have interest and the ability to do well.


The job factors listed below are features of the Park Ranger position about which applicants may not be aware. If any of these factors present a problem for you, we suggest you consider alternate employment choices which may better fit your career goals.


 Provide information to park patrons on park programs and identification of local vegetation and wildlife.


 Prepare curriculum and speak to groups/individuals about topics such as parks, vegetation, native animals and history.


 Guide hikes and environmental programs for youth in overnight camping programs at Department facilities throughout California.


 Patrol Recreation and Park facilities by vehicle, foot, horseback and bicycle to prevent unauthorized entry, vandalism, theft or other crimes.


 Provide emergency services, shelter and welfare to persons in emergency conditions.

 Work closely with the Departments of Police, Fire, Animal Regulation, and the American Red Cross.


 Respond to accidents and administer First Aid and/or CPR to victims, some of whom may have infectious diseases.


 Extinguish brush, vehicle or structure fires on park property.


 Organize and participate in search and rescue operations for people who are lost.


 Have limited peace officer status with the authority to issue citations and make arrests. (Park Rangers **do not** carry firearms on the job.)


 Impound vehicles when necessary.


 Deal with persons individually, in groups, or possibly in gangs who may be unruly, violent or under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

 Work various shifts at various locations, including working weekends and holidays

 Work outside and drive a car or truck, sometimes off road, in all weather conditions.

 Appointment is subject to a thorough background investigation which includes a review of employment history, criminal conviction record, habitual use of intoxicants and drugs, and any other factors which may affect suitability for employment.

 Appointment is subject to successful completion of a thorough medical and psychological inventory examination.

 Appointment is subject to you signing an acknowledgement form requiring you to reimburse the City the cost of your training, on a pro-rated basis, if you leave the Department for employment with another enforcement agency within five years of completing academy training.

• Based on City policy, before being hired you must undergo a drug and alcohol screening test.