What is it like to be a Park Ranger?

“Whether it’s finding a unique plant or animal on the trail, meeting people from different places, or creating a new program, each day is a new adventure.”

Danielle - Interpretive Ranger

“It’s a lifestyle. It can be demanding, but the work is rewarding. It’s a unique experience not everyone gets to have.”

Jamie - Park Manager

“You might conduct a prescribed fire and balance a budget on the same day.”

Stephen - Assistant Manager

“The best office view, better than any corporate job you could imagine.”

David - Park Manager

Where are Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites?

With 64 State Parks & Historic Sites, from the mountains to the coast, there are lots of opportunities to find your perfect fit.

Find out more career information at GaStateParks.org/ParkCareers

Come work with us!
Internships

- Interns learn about park and historic site operations and resource management. The goal of an internship is to integrate a student’s academic experience with real-world applications.

- Many sites offer unpaid internships for academic requirements. Some sites offer paid internships as well.

- Internships are offered year-round. Positions depend on the availability of a particular park or historic site.

- Some offer housing while some do not.

Seasonal Naturalist

- Some parks hire people from March - November as a longer “season” and other parks hire staff from mid-May through Labor Day just for the busy summer months. Some parks hire Naturalists to work 29 hrs./week year round.

- Depending on the park or historic site, responsibilities include leading hikes or tours, conducting nature programs and campfire programs, leading games and other recreational activities and conducting a Junior Ranger Day Camp for children.

- Some parks and historic sites offer housing and some have no housing options.

Manager in Training (MIT)

- The MIT program is designed to teach overall site operation. Upon completion, the individual should have the knowledge to prepare them to compete for Parks and Historic Sites Division (PHSD) vacancies.

- Full-time, 1-year term position, $28,420.42 annually.

- MIT positions include on-site housing.

- MIT’s are assigned to parks and sites throughout the state including A.H. Stephens, Cloudland Canyon, Hard Labor Creek, Tugaloo and Stephen C. Foster.

Interpretive Ranger

- If you are seeking full time employment in interpretation or environmental education, a position as an Interpretive Ranger would be a great job for you. Entry Salary: $33,338.70. Very few include housing.

Park Manager/Assistant Manager

- For those wanting challenging leadership positions these jobs entail assisting and supervising park operations at various parks. Areas include: business/administration, resource management/maintenance, housekeeping, interpretation, customer service, security, search & rescue (voluntary), retail, and lots of “other”. Entry Salary ranges by class of Park (I, II, III) and experience or background. Entry Salary starts between $34,399.50 for Assistant Managers to $53,000 for Park Managers at large-scale park operations. These positions include housing.

Historic Site Manager

- For individuals wanting rewarding opportunities managing and supervising some of Georgia's most important cultural resources. Areas include: business/administration, resource management/maintenance, museum curation, interpretation, customer service, security, retail, and lots of “other”. Entry Salary ranges by class of Site (I, II, III) and experience/background. Entry Salary starts between $34,399.50 for Assistant Managers to $53,000 for Site Managers at large-scale historic site operations.

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