

Who we are:

The Department of Environment and Conservation exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment.

We foster a work environment that's inclusive as well as diverse, where our people can be themselves. Every idea and perspective is valued so that our culture reflects the people we serve.

Our Department is committed to providing a cleaner, safer environment that goes hand-in-hand with economic prosperity and increased quality of life in Tennessee. We deliver on our mission through managing regulatory programs that maintain standards for air, water and soil quality while providing assistance to businesses and communities in areas ranging from recreation to waste management. We manage the state park system and programs to inventory, interpret and protect Tennessee's rich natural, historical and archaeological heritage.

About the Tennessee State Parks:

From its beginning in 1937, Tennessee State Parks were established to protect and preserve the unique natural, cultural, and historic resources of Tennessee. The public interest has also been served by a variety of benefits for citizens and communities produced by our state park system, promoting stronger communities and healthier citizens across the state through diverse resource-based recreation while conserving the natural environment for today and tomorrow – preserving authentic Tennessee places and spaces for future generations to enjoy. As stewards of the resources in our parks, we seek to manage Tennessee's state parks in order to preserve and protect valued resources and to provide a balance of services and benefits for the enjoyment of the people.



Park Ranger 1 Big Hill Pond State Park Annual Salary Range: \$42,504-\$63,600

Overview:

Are you looking for an opportunity to work with Tennessee State Parks? Our Tennessee State Parks are among the most beautiful parks in the United States. This position is at Big Hill Pond State Park in McNairy County. The park offers a 28-site primitive campground, 30 miles of day-use hiking trails with four overnight backpack shelters, and 6 miles of day-use mountain bike and horse trails. Day-use guests also utilize the trails for birding and wildlife viewing. Big Hill Pond and Travis McNatt Lake are used for paddling and fishing. Other popular attractions include the Dismal Swamp boardwalk, a 70-foot observation tower, an aviary, pickleball, basketball courts, playgrounds, picnic pavilions, and an 18-hole disc golf course. The park is perfect for nature enthusiasts to observe native wildlife, plants, and the natural ecological diversity of the area.

The preferred candidate will be comfortable working with diverse park guests and enjoys interpretive programming. To be considered for this position, you must have a bachelor's degree with preferred degrees in History, Parks and Recreation Management, Biology, Forestry, or Natural Resource Management. The candidate is also required to be a state-commissioned officer recognized by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy or willing to become commissioned. Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications (MQs) for this position. For MQs and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Serve as a Commissioned Officer, providing and maintaining park safety and security, including law enforcement, first responder, and basic first aid services.
- Perform natural resource management activities within the park throughout the year.
- Provide reports pertinent to each shift, and monthly safety and manager reports.
- Handle general administrative duties requested by the Park Manager.
- Operate variety of equipment and vehicles, including boats, law enforcement vehicles, and safety equipment.
- Conduct daily routine trail and general facility maintenance to ensure safe and enjoyable experience by park visitors and protection of the natural areas.
- Provide Historical, Natural, and Educational Programs on and off the natural area during shift by scheduled and impromptu programming to meet the needs of the park and community.

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy, the State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status or any other category protected by state and/or federal civil rights laws.