

2006

Volunteer Program



State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation



STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, GOVERNOR

550 WEST 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 1380
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-3561
PHONE: (907) 269-8700
FAX: (907) 269-8907

September 2005

Dear Volunteer Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Alaska State Parks and our "Volunteers in Parks" program. Each year hundreds of people enjoy the state as park volunteers in some of Alaska's most scenic settings. From the pristine lakes in the Fairbanks area to the rain forests of Ketchikan, we have a volunteer position for you.

This year, we are seeking 150 volunteers for positions throughout Alaska. Sixty of these volunteers are campground hosts. Hosts stay in the campgrounds free of charge and assist the ranger with visitor contact and upkeep. Individual host positions are described in the Campground Host chapter of this catalog.

The remaining positions cover a wide range of assignments, from naturalist to trail crew, and are detailed in the Other Volunteer and Volunteer Internship Position chapter. Some of these positions are available during the winter. College credit is available for selected intern positions.

Best wishes in your upcoming adventure as an Alaska State Parks volunteer. Time in Alaska is an experience you will never forget!

Sincerely,



Chris Degernes
Chief of Field Operations

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

TABLE OF CONTENTS

General Information	5
Qualifications	
Transportation	
How to Apply	
Campground Hosting Information	6
What Do Campground Hosts Do?	
What is a Campground Host's Season?	
Where Do Hosts Live?	
What Will Hosts Receive?	
Intern & Other Volunteer Information	7
Map of Alaska	8
Campground Host Positions	
Listing of Positions by Area	
Northern Area (Fairbanks to Tok)	9
Mat-Su/Copper Basin Area (Denali to Glennallen).....	11
Kenai/PWS Area (Kenai Peninsula & Valdez).....	13
Kodiak Area (Kodiak Island).....	15
Southeast Area (Haines to Ketchikan).....	16
Chugach Area (Anchorage).....	17
Other Volunteer & Volunteer Internship Positions	
Listing of Positions by Type	
Archaeological Assistant.....	19
Backcountry Ranger Assistant	19
Museum Assistant	22
Natural History Interpreter.....	22
Naturalist for School Programs.....	27
Park Caretaker.....	28
Ranger Assistant.....	31
Trail Crew	35
Winter Natural History Interpreter.....	38
Winter Park Caretaker.....	39
Application	47

Qualifications

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, and a US citizen. There is no upper age limit, although volunteers must be in good health. Minimum time commitment and additional requirements, such as skills and education, are listed with each position description.

Volunteering, even without compensation, is considered work under a tourist visa. Unless your visa specifically states that you may work in the United States, you cannot apply for a volunteer position. If you have a J-1 Visa, or another type of student visa, you are limited to studying and working with approved programs. Alaska State Parks volunteer program does not qualify for the J-1 Visa program.

Due to the high cost of insurance coverage for minors, volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

Transportation

Each volunteer is responsible for transportation to and from Alaska.

How to Apply

Read the following position descriptions and choose the ones that interest you. You may apply for as many positions as you like, filling out an application for each desired position. ***Return the completed application(s) to the address listed with each position or area.*** Please specify a park and position title. If you list “anywhere” for the park and “anything” for position title, your application will not receive as much consideration as an application that specifies. Duplicated copies are accepted. Individual applications must be submitted for couples when applying for campground host positions. If you have questions specific to a particular position, call the ranger or area office listed for that position. If you have general questions on the volunteer program not answered in this catalog, contact the Volunteer Coordinator by phone: (907) 269-8708, or e-mail: volunteer@dnr.state.ak.us.

If you are interested in receiving college credit for your work, fill out the Supplemental Volunteer Intern Application, located on the reverse side of the Volunteer Application. See *Intern and Other Volunteer Information* on page 7 for more information on internships.

Applications must be received no later than April first and no earlier than October first. Any exceptions to these deadlines are noted in the position description. *Many positions are filled before April first, so it is best to send your application in as soon as possible. If you are sending applications in March, you might call first or check our web site (see below) to see if the position(s) are still open.* Some of our rangers work seasonally; so do not be concerned if you do not receive an immediate reply, particularly from November thru January. You will receive notice within two to three weeks of mailing in your application that we received your application and the status of the position you are applying for.

Miscellaneous

While many positions have an expense allowance, it is best for the volunteer to have enough money to live for the first month of volunteering. This allows time to process checks through the state accounting system. Allowance amounts vary between \$100/month - \$300/month. Some positions provide food instead of an allowance.

If you wish to bring a pet, check with the ranger in charge of the position you are interested in. Approval for pets is given on a case-by-case basis.

This catalog is updated annually, with the reprint available every October first, both in hard copy and on the Internet. Volunteer positions are posted on the Internet with vacancy status at www.alaskastateparks.org. This list is kept current.

Campground Hosting Information

What Do Campground Hosts Do?

Hosts are on-site representatives of Alaska State Parks. They welcome campers, acquaint them with park facilities and regulations, answer questions on local and statewide attractions, and help visitors plan their trips. Hosts help the park rangers with the day-to-day operation and maintenance of campgrounds; including litter patrol, light janitorial maintenance, and repairs. Special park projects can be designed based on a host's skills and interests. All hosts must have enthusiasm for working with the public, a willingness to learn about Alaska, and the desire to accept new challenges.

What is a Campground Host's Season?

The camping season in Alaska is generally from mid-May through mid-September. Some campgrounds are open year-round or have extended seasons. Hosts are requested to volunteer 30 to 40 hours per week for at least four to six weeks. Hosts may stay the entire season and some areas may rotate hosts among campgrounds for a broader experience. Alaska State law AS 28.10.121 and AS 28.15.021 requires any person residing in Alaska more than 60 days to obtain an Alaskan drivers license and registration for their vehicle. Rangers will try to balance a host's schedule with visitor season demands. The minimum time commitment and length of season for a specific position is listed under the Season category with each position description.

Where Do Hosts Live?

Volunteer hosts live in their own RV, motorhome, or trailer, at a special campsite. Because campground hosts are the "ambassadors" for Alaska State Parks, their "residence" must be neat and well-maintained. Alaska State Park campgrounds are rustic, but clean and beautiful. Each campsite has a parking pad, a picnic table, and a fire pit. Each campground has water, latrines, and refuse containers. Some host locations have access to telephone and electricity. Nearby communities and lodges have sanitary dump stations and most other services. Generally, the campgrounds are near recreation attractions - lakes, streams, mountains, fishing, and wonderful views. A few campgrounds have a small frame or log cabin for the hosts to stay in. This is noted under the category of *Amenities* listed with each position description.

What Will Hosts Receive?

Campground hosts stay free in an Alaska State Park campground and have free use of all facilities. Each host or host couple will be trained by the ranger staff and will receive a volunteer uniform. In addition, an expense allowance may be available for longer commitments, ranging from \$100-\$300 a month. See the *Amenities* category listed with each position description for more information.

Note: Please read page 5, General Information, on how to apply.

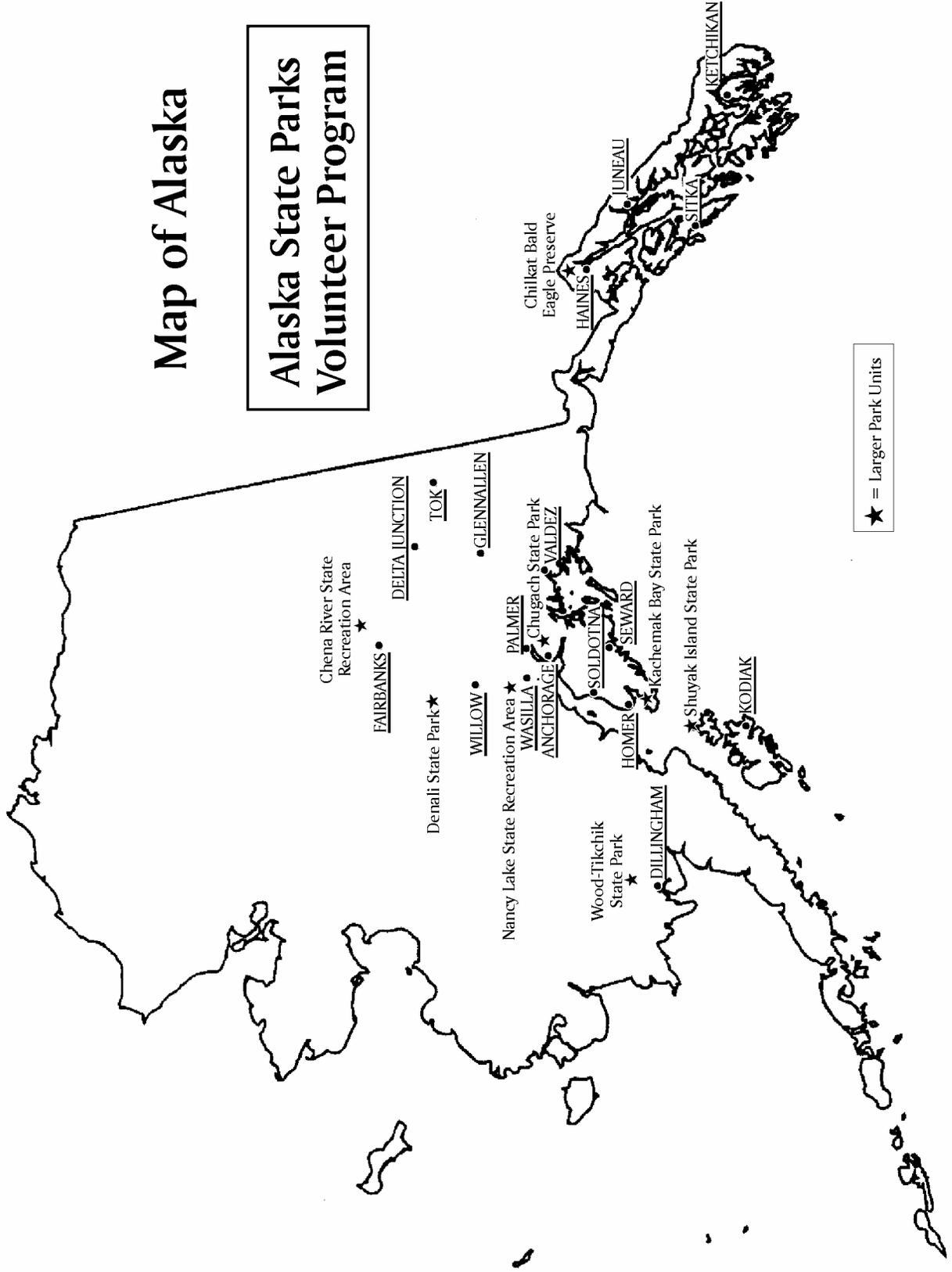
Intern and Other Volunteer Information

Every position is a volunteer position and open to all applicants. Some of the volunteer positions additionally qualify for internships. Volunteer internship positions are made available to students or graduates seeking supervised practical training toward college credit. Intern positions are listed below by title, job area and job description page number.

Archaeological Assistant	History and Archaeology - Anchorage office and/or various project sites throughout the state	Page 19
Backcountry Ranger Assistant	Shuyak Island State Park	Page 19
	Nancy Lake State Recreational Area	Page 21
Museum Assistant	Wickersham State Historic Site, Juneau	Page 22
Natural History Interpreters	Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park	Page 22
	Ketchikan Area State Parks	Page 23
	Eagle River Nature Center	Page 24
	Independence Mine State Historical Park and The Hatcher Pass Management Area	Page 25
	Chena River State Recreation Area	Page 25
	Alaska Public Lands Information Center - Fairbanks	Page 26
	Alaska Public Lands Information Center - Anchorage	Page 27
Park Caretaker	Independence Mine State Historic Park	Page 28
	Denali State Park Veterans Memorial	Page 30
	Halibut Point State Recreation Site	Page 30
Ranger Assistant	Old Sitka State Historical Site	Page 32
	Delta Area State Parks	Page 32
	Harding Lake and Salcha River State Recreation Site	Page 33
	Chena River State Recreation Area	Page 34
Trail Crews	Kachemak Bay State Park	Page 35
	Station Attendant – Kachemak Bay State Park	Page 36
	Nancy Lake State Recreation Area	Page 37
	Denali State Park	Page 38
Winter Natural History Interpreter	Eagle River Nature Center	Page 38
Winter Park Caretaker	Old Sitka State Historic Site	Page 39
	Halibut Point State Recreation Site	Page 40
	Nancy Lake State Recreation Area	Page 44
	Denali State Park Alaska Veterans Memorial	Page 44
	Chena River State Recreation Area	Page 45

Map of Alaska

Alaska State Parks Volunteer Program



★ = Larger Park Units

Campground Host Positions

NORTHERN AREA

3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613
phone: (907) 451-2695
fax: (907) 451-2754
email: northern@dnr.state.ak.us

Delta District

Box 318, Delta Junction, AK 99737
phone: (907) 895-4599
fax: (907) 895-5043
email: northern@dnr.state.ak.us

Note: Use the Delta District address for the last 4 listings in the Northern Area

Rosehip Campground - Chena River State Recreation Area

This campground is located at mile 27 Chena Hot Springs Road, next to the Chena River. It contains 38 campsites with low use on weekdays and moderate use on weekends. Favorite “take out” point for canoeists.

Special Projects: Monitor campground fee program, annual decal sales, and firewood sales. Provide visitor information and assistance. Provide visitor information. Perform minor campground maintenance, litter pickup, and landscaping. Clean restrooms and assist with janitorial maintenance.

Amenities: Dry camp, dump tank, propane, and expense allowance of \$75.00/week.

Season: 4 weeks minimum between 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Jeff Smith

Tors Trail Campground - Chena River State Recreation Area

This campground has 23 campsites and is located at mile 39.5 Chena Hot Springs Road, along the Chena River. The 15 mile Granite Tors Trailhead is located in the park. Moderate use on weekdays, busy on weekends. Favorite “put in” point for canoeists.

Special Projects: Monitor campground fee program, annual decal sales and firewood sales. Provide visitor information and assistance. Provide visitor information. Perform minor campground maintenance, litter pickup, and landscaping. Clean restrooms and assist with janitorial duties.

Amenities: Dry camp, propane, and expense allowance of \$75.00/week.

Season: 4 weeks minimum between 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Jeff Smith

33 mile maintenance area - Chena River State Recreation Area

This facility is located at 33-mile Chena Hot Springs Road. This position involves working throughout the 255,000 acre recreation area.

Special Projects: Minor maintenance throughout the park. Clean and maintain restrooms. Stock brochures. Visitor information and services.

Amenities: Water, dump tank, electricity, when generator is running and a primitive cabin is available if needed. Expense allowance of \$75.00/week.

Season: 4 weeks minimum between 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Jeff Smith

Twin Bears Outdoor Education Camp - Chena River State Recreation Area

The facility is operated by a non-profit, outdoor education group. It is approximately 33 miles from Fairbanks. The camp has a kitchen/dining hall, large meeting hall, shower rooms, and a dozen small sleeping cabins. Groups such as Girl Scouts and 4-H use the facility during the summer. The camp is located in a forested area on a small pond, with wildlife in the area.

Special Projects: Group reception and orientation, inspection and check-out of groups, minor maintenance and operation of camp facilities, improve and develop nature trails, improve and develop interpretive education displays.

Amenities: Propane, power and water available when camp is in session.

Season: 8 weeks minimum between 4/15 - 9/30

Contact: Ranger Paul Lhotka

Harding Lake State Recreation Area

The recreation area is on the North shoreline of Harding Lake, approximately 45 miles Southeast of Fairbanks on the Richardson highway. The large campground consists of individual walk-in sites, a 20 vehicle capacity Camp-a-lot section, and an additional 20 sites overflow area for self contained RV units during busy holiday weekends. Harding Lake is a very popular weekend getaway destination for the residents of the Fairbanks area. Recreational boating, fishing, picnicking and beach activities make Harding Lake State Recreation Area a busy park unit during the warm and sunny summer months.

Routine host projects: Monitor campground, boat launch and fee program; assist with firewood and State Parks annual decal; assist campers and day users; maintain visitor use logs; perform minor maintenance, clean and maintain restrooms; assist with the operation of the Harding Lake entrance fee station, may assist with trail development, and landscaping needs.

Amenities: Expense allowance; electricity, phone, sanitation and water hook-up; showers at Harding Lake Ranger Station; convenience stores in area, major services in Fairbanks and North Pole, within 45 miles.

Season: Six weeks minimum between 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Preston Kroes

Salcha River State Recreation Site

Salcha River SRS is located along the Richardson Highway approximately 42 miles Southeast of Fairbanks, it is a popular river access point for tourist, fishermen, and riverside property owners. Generally the weekends are busy, due to the proximity to Fairbanks and the short drive for the river recreationalists. Fishing is very popular, especially in July when the King Salmon are running. The parking lot can accommodate 100 vehicles, including trailers and RVs. A small campground is located at the Salcha River State Recreation Site with a large gravel bar adjacent to the park for additional camping and parking. The Recreation Site's main feature is the boat launch, which provides the only improved access to the Salcha River. Tables, fire pits, water and vaulted restrooms are available also for the picnic/day use area along the river.

Routine host projects: Monitor campground, boat launch and fee program; assist with State Park annual decal sales; assist campers and day users; maintain visitor use logs; perform minor maintenance, clean and maintain restrooms; may assist with the Harding Lake entrance fee station, trail development, and landscaping needs.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, rustic cabin on the river, showers at Harding Lake Ranger Station (approximately 3 miles away), convenience stores in area, major services in Fairbanks and North Pole, within 45 miles.

Season: Six weeks minimum stay between 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Preston Kroes

Birch Lake State Recreation Site

This recreation site is located approximately 60 miles southeast of Fairbanks along the Richardson Highway at Mile Post 306. The Birch Lake facility was completely renovated in 2002, including a double wide boat launch, swim beach, day use/picnic area, 17 pull-in parking spaces and 6 tent campsites. Boating, fishing, picnicking and beach activities are predominant at this new and popular site.

Routine host projects: Monitor campground, boat launch and fee program; assist with State Park annual decal sales; assist campers and day users; maintain visitor use logs; perform minor maintenance, clean and maintain restrooms; and may assist with landscaping needs.

Site Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, rustic cabin, showers at Harding Lake Ranger Station (approximately 15 miles away), convenience stores within 10-15 miles, major services in Fairbanks, North Pole, and Delta Junction, within 45 miles.

Season: Six week minimum stay between 5/15 - 9/15.

Contact: Ranger Preston Kroes

Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge

This 2000-acre state refuge is only 3 miles from downtown Fairbanks. The pastoral setting is popular with locals and visitors. The weather is often warm and sunny. A dairy farm from 1910 to 1966, Creamer's is now a refuge managed by the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game. A variety of habitats support a diversity of plant and animal communities. Farm roads and trails lead from dairy buildings to fields, wetlands and forest.

Special Projects: Staff the Farmhouse Visitor Center, greet visitors to refuge, sell gift shop items, and maintain visitor use logs, grounds keeping, some maintenance, and minor litter pickup/janitorial. May assist with interpretive programs depending on experience.

Amenities: Private parking for RV with full "hook-up": electricity, water, telephone and sewer. Private shower within pleasant walking distance.

Season: One month of weekends only (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) in either June, July or August.

Contact: Mark D. Ross, Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game

Creamer's Field, 1300 College Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99701, Ph: 907-459-7301, Fax: 907-451-9723

mross@fishgame.state.ak.us

Quartz Lake State Recreation Area

This campground is located 15 miles north of Delta Junction. Quartz Lake is known for its excellent sport fishing and often attracts large crowds of anglers. The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game stocks the lake with rainbow trout, silver salmon, and Arctic char providing the largest stocked lake fishery in Alaska. The hiking trails in the area are also becoming popular. These fishing and hiking opportunities make Quartz Lake the busiest park in the Delta Area. This park is in Interior Alaska where

summers are usually warm and dry providing for the best recreational weather in the state.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, frame cabin.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22- 7/10 or 7/10 - 9/4

Contact: Ranger Maureen Gardner - Delta District

Clearwater State Recreation Site

This campground is located 17 miles north of Delta Junction in a peaceful, wooded area on the Delta-Clearwater River. This river is the largest spring fed tributary of the Tanana River. Its pristine crystal waters provide good grayling fishing and wonderful boating, including canoeing and float trips with outstanding spring waterfowl viewing opportunities. This campground is in Interior Alaska where summers are usually warm and dry providing for the best recreational weather in the state.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22 - 7/10 or 7/10 - 9/4

Contact: Ranger Maureen Gardner - Delta District

Delta State Recreation Site

Located only ½ mile from Delta Junction, this campground caters to travelers from around the world. This park is a favorite because it's close to amenities and yet it's in a mature boreal forest. Located near the Delta River, the park offers excellent views of the Alaska Range, with Mount Hayes, one of the tallest in the range, towering to 13,832 feet. This campground is in Interior Alaska where summers are usually warm and dry providing for the best recreational weather in the state.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, log cabin.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22 - 7/10 or 7/10 - 9/4

Contact: Ranger Maureen Gardner - Delta District

Donnelly Creek State Recreation Site

This campground is located 28 miles south of Delta Junction in a quiet setting on the glacial fed Delta River. It is one of the state's most scenic campgrounds with stunning views of the tallest peaks in the Alaska Range. The remoteness of this site provides great wildlife viewing opportunities, including occasional viewing of the Delta Bison herd on their summer grounds. It is a favorite campground of European visitors. This campground is in Interior Alaska where summers are usually warm and dry providing for the recreational weather in the state.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, frame cabin.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22- 7/10 or 7/10 - 9/4

Contact: Ranger Maureen Gardner - Delta District

MAT-SU/COPPER BASIN AREA

HC 32 Box 6706, Wasilla AK 99654

phone: (907) 745-3975, fax: (907) 745-0938, email: matsustateparks@dnr.state.ak.us

Byers Lake Campground - Denali State Park

This quiet, family campground is nestled on Byers Lake at the foot of Kesugi Ridge. There are spectacular views of Mt. McKinley from this area. It is located 147 miles north of Anchorage and 90 miles from the National Park Service entrance. An RV is required.

Special Projects: Visitor information and recording visitor use, campground maintenance, assist in trail projects.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, use of cabin with full utilities, and dump station.

Contact: Ranger Dan Valentine

Season: 4 weeks min., Late May – early September, prefer 2 months or more email: daniel_valentine@dnr.state.ak.us

Denali View North Campground – Denali State Park

This campground and popular day use area is situated on a bluff above the Chulitna River with a spectacular view of Mt. McKinley. The site includes many interpretive panels detailing history, geology and other features of Mt. McKinley and a spotting scope for mountain viewing. It is located about halfway between Anchorage and Fairbanks, along the Parks Highway. An RV is required.

Special Projects: Visitor information and recording visitor use, campground maintenance, assist in trail projects.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, use of cabin with full utilities, and dump station *Contact:* Ranger Dan Valentine
Season: 4 weeks min., May 15 - October 1, prefer 2 months or more email: daniel_valentine@dnr.state.ak.us

South Rolly Lake Campground - Nancy Lake State Recreation Area (2 positions)

This quiet campground is the largest in the state system and is spread over beautiful forested hills. The lake is restricted to electric trolling motors and non-powered boats only and the popular Red Shirt Lake hiking trail is nearby. The campground is located at the end of the 6 mile Nancy Lake Parkway, near the community of Willow (67 miles from Anchorage, 30 miles north of Wasilla). Several lakes are accessible from the Parkway, as is a popular canoe trail system.

Special Projects: Firewood and decal sales. Assist with campground maintenance.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane.

Season: 4 week minimum, 5/15 - 9/6

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: keith_wilson@dnr.state.ak.us

Nancy Lake State Recreation Site

This smaller, 30-site campground is on the northeast shore of Nancy Lake, a popular fishing and boating area near Willow (67 miles from Anchorage, 30 miles north of Wasilla). A picnic area and a boat launch are also on the site.

Special Projects: Firewood and decal sales, assist with campground maintenance.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, electric RV hookup, phone (hard line), use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

Season: 4 week minimum, 5/15 - 9/6

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: keith_wilson@dnr.state.ak.us

Willow Creek State Recreation Area

This large, paved campground is a popular salmon fishing spot near the confluence of Willow Creek and the Susitna River. The mouth of Willow Creek is known for its excellent King salmon fishing, as well as other fish species. It is located just north of Willow, 70 miles north of Anchorage, 33 miles north of Wasilla.

Special Projects: Firewood and decal sales. Assist with campground maintenance and with staffing entrance station on peak use weekends.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, generator gas, use of Nancy Lake Office facilities

Season: 4 weeks, 5/15 - 7/10

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: keith_wilson@dnr.state.ak.us

Willow Creek State Recreation Area

This second position includes additional duties in caretaking/maintenance. This large, paved campground is a popular salmon fishing spot near the confluence of Willow Creek and the Susitna River. The mouth of Willow Creek is known for its excellent king salmon fishing, as well as other fish species. It is located just north of Willow, 70 miles north of Anchorage, 33 miles north of Wasilla.

Special Projects: Janitorial maintenance, firewood and decal sales. Assist with campground maintenance; assist with staffing entrance station on peak use weekends.

Amenities: Special expense allowance, propane, generator gas, use of Nancy Lake Office facilities

Season: 8 weeks minimum, 5/15 - 9/6

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: keith_wilson@dnr.state.ak.us

Little Susitna Public Use Facility

This beautiful campground/ boat launch lies within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge on the pristine Little Susitna River. Famous for its world-class sport fishing. Little Susitna is located only 26 miles North of Wasilla Alaska. The area is heavily forested with spruce and birch, The game refuge is home to an abundance of wildlife including brown bear, black bear, moose and a variety of waterfowl. Opportunities abound to view and photograph the area's wildlife. Predominate fish species include Kings and Silver salmon. Other species of salmon are present in addition to trout and char. Services such as propane, showers and a general store are located within five miles of the campground. An RV is recommended for this position. This is not an Alaska State Park unit, but is managed as one.

Special Projects: Host/caretaker of the entire facility, monitor visitor use, general campground management, firewood and decal sales, janitorial maintenance and other duties as assigned.

Amenities: Expense allowance, propane, generator/fuel, uniform jackets/hats, free camping and cellular phone.

Season: split, 5/15 - 7/15 or 7/15 - 9/15 or entire 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Kurt Hensel

email: kurth@dnr.state.ak.us

KENAI/PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA

PO Box 1247, Soldotna AK 99669

phone: (907) 262-5581, fax (907) 262-3717, email: Tami_Carrico@dnr.state.ak.us

Lowell Point State Recreation Site

This twenty-acre park is located two miles south of Seward. It offers beach access to scenic Resurrection Bay and is the trailhead for the Caines Head State Recreation Area. Facilities include day area use, latrines and overnight trailhead parking.
Special Projects: Provide visitor information, litter pickup, maintain and supply latrines.

Amenities: Electricity, water and sewer.

Season: 2 - 4 months, 5/15 - 9/7

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Bing's Landing Campground - Kenai River Special Management Area (2 positions)

This forested campground is located on the Kenai River, above Naptown Rapids at Sterling. It has a boat launch and there is river and shore fishing for trout and salmon (kings, reds and silvers). There are two positions - one for the day use area and one for the campground.

Amenities: Free camping, expense allowance, electrical hookup at boat launch area, all services located nearby in Sterling.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Season: 3 months, 5/15 - 8/15

Contact: Ranger Bill Berkhahn

Funny River Campground - Kenai River Special Management Area

This small, minimally improved 12 unit campground and day-use area is located at the confluence of the Funny and Kenai Rivers, 11 miles from Soldotna. Improved angler access to the Kenai River where excellent sockeye and silver salmon fishing is available from July through September.

Amenities: Free camping, expense allowance, electrical hookup, water on-site, storage cabin.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Season: 3 months, 6/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Bill Berkhahn

Izaak Walton Campground - Kenai River Special Management Area

Located near Sterling, this campground sits at the confluence of the Moose and Kenai rivers in a mature spruce forest. There is a boat launch and campsites along the river. Archaeological remains on-site. Fishing is good for salmon.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Free camping, expense allowance, electrical hookups, all services located nearby in Sterling.

Season: 2 - 4 months, 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Bill Berkhahn

Morgan's Landing Campground - Kenai River Special Management Area (2 positions)

High on a bluff overlooking the Kenai River, this park offers a magnificent view of the Kenai Range and Harding Icefield. There are also walking trails and trail access to the Kenai River for trout and salmon fishing. This unit has two host positions; one for the day use area and one for the campground.

Special Projects: Maintenance of headquarters' grounds and gardens.

Amenities: Free camping, electricity, expense allowance, water, sewer, ranger station on-site.

Season: 2 - 4 months, 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Bill Berkhahn

The Pillars Boat Launch - Kenai River Special Management Area

The Pillars is a small day use facility located on the Kenai River that provides day use parking and a boat launch. Position requires daily maintenance of three latrines, monitor fee compliance, and litter pickup.

Amenities: Small log cabin, water on site, expense allowance.

Season: 3 months, 5/15 - 8/15

Contact: Ranger Jacques Kosto

Cooper Landing Boat Launch - Kenai River Special Management Area

This park unit is located on the upper Kenai River, at the outlet of Kenai Lake at Cooper Landing. Outstanding viewing opportunities for Dall sheep and mountain goat. This unit has walkways and a boat launch. A cabin is provided for the host to reside in. Although bank fishing is not allowed at this site, there are great local opportunities to catch red and silver salmon, as well as rainbow trout and Dolly Varden.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Log cabin includes oil heat, electricity, water and shower, expense allowance.

Season: 4 months, 5/15 - 9/15 with possible over-wintering without stipend. *Contact:* Ranger Bill Berkahn

Kasilof River State Recreation Site

This recreation site is located along the Kasilof River about ten miles south of Soldotna. A boat launch, day use parking area and campground are located in a mature spruce forest next to the river. Alaskan residents and visitors enjoy fishing the Kasilof River for salmon.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance, all services available in Soldotna

Season: May 15 - September 1

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Crooked Creek State Recreation Site

This campground is at the confluence of Crooked Creek and the Kasilof River. It offers some of the most successful King salmon bank fishing in the state. There are walking trails along the Kasilof River. Access to Cook Inlet beaches is nearby.

Special Projects: As arranged. May include working in park entrance station.

Amenities: Expense allowance, phone, electricity, all services located nearby in Soldotna.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Johnson Lake State Recreation Area (2 positions)

This popular campground is located on the shore of Johnson Lake in a mature spruce and birch forest, about twelve miles south of Soldotna. Johnson Lake is a non-motorized lake and is a great lake to explore by canoe and kayak. One of the volunteer positions performs park host duties such as monitoring park use, answering visitor questions, and assisting with campground operations. The other volunteer position performs maintenance and cleaning duties in the campground.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance. All services available in Soldotna.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Clam Gulch State Recreation Area

Local residents and visitors are drawn to this recreation area to dig for razor clams during low tide cycles. A day use parking and overnight camping area are located on a bluff overlooking scenic Cook Inlet and the Alaska Range. An access road allows people to drive four wheel drive or all-terrain vehicles to the beach. This recreation area is located about twenty miles south of Soldotna.

Special Projects: As arranged. May include working in park entrance station.

Amenities: Expense allowance, electricity. All services located in Soldotna.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Ninilchik River Campground - Ninilchik State Recreation Area

This thirty-nine site campground is located in a mature spruce and birch forest about one mile north of Ninilchik. Visitors will typically stay at this campground while they are fishing in the nearby Ninilchik River and Deep Creek or digging for razor clams at Ninilchik Beach.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance. Shower and laundry facilities available at park office. All services available in Ninilchik.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Ninilchik Scenic Overlook - Ninilchik State Recreation Area

This day use parking and overnight camping area is located adjacent to the Sterling Highway along the Ninilchik River about one mile from Ninilchik. This site provides fishermen with access to the Ninilchik River and provides motorists with an area to stop and rest along the Sterling Highway. Picnic sites, interpretive displays, restrooms, and access trails along the river are located at this site. This host also helps manage the Deep Creek North and Deep Creek South Scenic Overlooks.

Special Projects: As arranged

Amenities: Expense allowance. Shower and laundry facility available at park office. All services available in Ninilchik.

Season: May 15 - July 1

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Ninilchik View Campground - Ninilchik State Recreation Area

The Ninilchik View campground has thirteen camping sites located on a bluff overlooking Cook Inlet. This area offers beautiful views of Cook Inlet, the Alaska Range, and the Ninilchik Village. The campground is located in a forest of large cottonwood trees and a trail allows people direct access to Ninilchik Beach.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance. Electricity and water. Shower and laundry facility available at park office. All services available in Ninilchik.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Ninilchik Beach Camping & Day Use Area – Ninilchik State Recreation Area

Ninilchik Beach is located on Cook Inlet and is one of the best road side beaches in the state to dig for razor clams. The park is also known for its outstanding views of Cook Inlet and the Alaska Range, including the 10,000 foot high Mt. Illiamna and Mt. Redoubt. Many species of shorebirds can also be seen while walking along the beach. Volunteer hosts help manage a day use parking area and camping area on the beach uplands.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance. Shower and laundry facility available at park office. All services available in Ninilchik.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Deep Creek State Recreation Area (2 positions)

This campground is located along Cook Inlet and offers excellent views of the Inlet and the Alaska Range, including the 10,000 foot high Mt. Illiamna and Mt. Redoubt. The campground is located along the beach uplands where Deep Creek enters Cook Inlet. Many species of shorebirds can be seen along the beach. Deep Creek is a popular road side salmon fishing area. The campground has 100 sites and an additional 60 sites for day use parking. The day use area includes a tractor launch facility to launch and retrieve boats on the beach. This service is offered by a private business in the park and is quite popular with charter fishermen and private boaters that access Cook Inlet's salmon and halibut fishing grounds.

Special Projects: As arranged. May include working in park entrance station.

Amenities: Expense allowance. Shower and laundry facility available at park office. All services available in Ninilchik.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

KODIAK AREA

1400 Abercrombie Dr, Kodiak AK 99615

phone: (907) 486-6339, fax: (907) 486-3320, email: kodiakstateparks@dnr.state.ak.us

Buskin River State Recreation Site

Located 3.5 miles southwest of the town of Kodiak, this 15-site campground is located along one of Alaska's best sport fishing areas. The Buskin River hosts four species of Pacific salmon as well as Dolly Varden trout.

Special Projects: Monitor camping fee program, provide visitor information, light maintenance.

Amenities: Electricity, cellular phone, propane and pressurized water (cold). Dump station located in park.

Season: 3 - 4 months, 6/1 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Wayne Biessel

Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park

Located 3.7 miles northeast of the town of Kodiak, this 13-site campground is located among the remnants of a WWII installation. Magnificent old-growth Sitka spruce trees, miles of foot trails, and rocky coastal bluffs make this a premiere destination point for both locals and visitors.

Special Projects: Provide visitor information and assistance, monitor camping fee program, manage firewood sales, perform light maintenance of rest rooms and campsites, conduct litter patrol of campground, park roads and trails, assist in operation of Kodiak Military History Museum, keep Park Ranger advised of activity in park.

Amenities: Electricity, cellular phone and propane.

Season: 3 - 4 months, 6/1 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Wayne Biessel

Pasagshak River State Recreation Site

Located at mouth of the Pasagshak River, 40 miles from the town of Kodiak on a rough gravel road, is the rustic Pasagshak River State Recreation Site. The river has excellent fishing for three species of Pacific salmon.

Special Projects: Provide visitor information and assistance, maintain campground. Infrequent park staff contact due to distance from main office; must be able to work with minimal supervision.

Amenities: Electricity, propane and cell phone.

Season: 3 - 4 months, 6/1 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Wayne Biessel

SOUTHEAST AREA

400 Willoughby, 4th Fl.

Juneau AK 99801

phone: (907) 465-4563

fax: (907) 465-5330

email: Mike_Eberhardt@dnr.state.ak.us

Ketchikan District

9883 N Tongass Hwy.

Ketchikan, AK 99901

phone: (907) 247-8574

fax: (907) 247-8573

email: Mary_Kowalczyk@dnr.state.ak.us

Haines District

PO Box 430

Haines, AK 99827

phone: (907) 766-2292

fax: (907) 766-2284

email: Joel_Telford@dnr.state.ak.us

Note: Use district addresses listed with contact name.

Chilkat State Park

This park unit is located 8 miles south of downtown Haines and offers spectacular views of glaciers across Chilkat Inlet.

Chilkat State Park offers good salt water fishing, a boat ramp and abundant wildlife.

Special Projects: Maintain trails and campground, inspect commercial operation.

Amenities: Expense allowance, primitive cabin, services located in Haines.

Season: 4 - 10 weeks, 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Joel Telford

Chilkoot Lake State Recreation Site

This 32-site campground is in a forested river valley and overlooks both the Chilkoot River and Chilkoot Lake. Brown bears frequent this area to feed on the abundant salmon and one of the main host duties is to inform visitors of the importance of keeping a clean camp. Hosts sometimes work as bear monitors along the river corridor in the evenings as well. There is excellent freshwater fishing, abundant wildlife and a boat ramp.

Special Projects: Maintain campground, inspect commercial operations, and perform bear monitor activities.

Amenities: Expense allowance with services located in Haines.

Season: 4 - 10 weeks, 5/15 - 10/15

Contact: Ranger Joel Telford

Portage Cove State Recreation Site

This campground is for campers traveling by foot or bicycle; it is closed to campers with vehicles. It is located 1 mile from downtown Haines and overlooks the Lynn Canal and provides views of the Coast Range.

Special Projects: Maintain campground.

Amenities: Expense allowance, services available in Haines; host site has space for a small RV.

Season: 4 - 10 weeks, 5/15 - 9/1

Contact: Ranger Joel Telford

Settler's Cove State Recreation Site

Settler's Cove is a small 14 site campground and day use area, located 18 miles north of Ketchikan. The park is nestled in a cove along an ocean passage and surrounded by dense forest. There is good fishing, whale watching, an abundance of Sitka Black-tail deer, and several miles of trail to hike in the forest. Couples preferred.

Special Projects: Interpretive programs, visitor information, campground maintenance, and monitor fee collection.

Amenities: Rustic log cabin with propane heat, stove and refrigerator, propane provided. Also expense allowance and phone. (No electricity.) Other services located in Ketchikan.

Season: 8-10 weeks 5/1 - 9/30; and winter caretaker, 10/1 - 4/30 all winter preferred, but will split for 3.5 months each

Contact: Ranger Mary Kowalczyk - Ketchikan Dist.

Totem Bight State Historical Park

Totem Bight is a day use park located 10 miles north of Ketchikan. The park exhibits 14 totem poles and a clanhouse, hand-crafted by Native carvers of the area. A short self guided trail winds through the rainforest to the totemic display facing an ocean passage. A large number of commercial tours from the cruise ships frequent the park. Must have own RV. Some travel assistance provided. Couples preferred.

Special Projects: Provide visitor information, services and educational sales material at the nonprofit Alaska Natural History Association (ANHA) bookstore; garden and grounds maintenance; daily opening and closing of the historic building on site, and possibly provide weekly guided tour of park.

Amenities: Propane, expense allowance, use of office and phone, electricity provided. Services located in Ketchikan.

Season: 8 - 10 weeks, 5/1 - 9/30

Contact: Ranger Mary Kowalczyk - Ketchikan Dist.

Eagle Beach State Recreation Area

Eagle Beach is 27 miles north of Juneau along the Glacier Highway with views of Lynn Canal, the Chilkat Mountains, and the Juneau Mountains. Eagle River flows through the area. This park unit has 16 primitive sites in the forested section of the park. There are several walk-in camping sites. Large beach and river bars offer excellent beachcombing and fishing. Whales, sea lions, and seal frequent the ocean nearby.

Special Projects: Visitor information, compiling visitor use statistics, minor improvements as time and materials are available. Inform public of regulations.

Amenities: Expense allowance. Water, telephone and electricity are available. Full services available 17 miles away. Radio phone for emergencies.

Season: 12 - 16 weeks, 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Park Specialist Paul Zahasky - Juneau Office

CHUGACH/ANCHORAGE AREA

HC 52, Box 8999, Indian AK 99540

phone: (907) 345-5014, fax (907) 345-6982, email: Chugach_State_Park@dnr.state.ak.us

CHUGACH STATE PARK

The following host positions are all located within Chugach State Park. Chugach's half million acres are mostly wilderness with rugged mountains, sweeping glaciers, and abundant wildlife. The park is next door to Anchorage and offers a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.

Anchorage Hillside

The Anchorage Hillside Day Use Areas consist of three main access points to Chugach State Park. The highest is Glen Alps the most popular access point to the entire park. A viewing platform situated high above Anchorage allows one to view the city with Denali and the Cook Inlet in the background. This access is also the jumping off point for the most commonly hiked trail in Alaska, Flattop Mountain. Flattop trail is a popular trail that brings hikers of all skill levels. The lowest access is Prospect Heights, a 'locals' access to the park. This access brings the nightly dog walkers, runners and trail users. It is a jumping off point for many miles of hiking and biking trails. The third access is where your host site is located. Upper Huffman access is a popular picnic area with its ten picnic tables and fire pits. Many people come in the evening to watch the moose stroll through to graze on the grass, have picnics or enjoy the views of Denali and Sleeping Lady. Three trails leave the parking lot, which are used, by hikers and bikers. This is a 'dry' host site. Water must be brought in and a generator must be used for power. Your Host site is close to Anchorage, which has amenities such as sanitary dump stations, visitor information center, supermarkets, hotels, gas stations, mechanics, restaurants, hospitals with ambulance, Anchorage Police and Fire Department.

Special Projects: Visitor information, daily visit counts, light maintenance, and park watch. Besides these projects, this position is recommended for those who would be highly active with trail patrol and maintenance. Weather can be variable and views exceptional. Need to possess a high interest in public contact and offering public information on trails, hazards, directions and radio usage. Should have strong interest in hiking and biking. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.

Amenities: Expense allowance, cell phone, propane, electricity or gas for generator.

Season: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30 entire season desired.

Contact: Ranger Matt Wedeking

Eklutna Lake Campground

This 50-unit campground also has a 15-site overflow, group camping area, picnic area and trailhead. It is located one hour north of Anchorage at the western end of 8-mile Eklutna Lake. There are glaciers, hiking, boating, Dolly Varden fishing and wildlife viewing: Dall sheep, mountain goat, moose and bear. Host duties include visitor contact and information, monitor fee collection, and light maintenance. There are two positions – one for the main campground and one for the overflow campground.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Expense allowance, electricity, phone, water, dump, and propane.

Season: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30, entire season desired

Contact: Ranger Dan Amyot

McHugh Creek Day Use Area

Located at mile 112 of the Seward Highway, McHugh Creek provides stunning views of the Kenai Mountains and Turnagain arm. It consists of 30 vehicle parking, latrines, picnic tables and fire pits. Belugas and the popular bore tide are often summer time attractions. A jumping off point for the Turnagain arm area many people use McHugh to access the many trails paralleling the Seward highway. McHugh is also an access spot when hiking to picturesque Rabbit Lake. On weekends, McHugh creek fills with picnickers and nature viewers. During spring and early summer it is common to see baby moose wandering with their mothers throughout the facility. Your host sight is located halfway up the facility, which gives you enough height to view the Turnagain arm. Your Host site is close to Anchorage, which has amenities such as sanitary dump stations, visitor information center, supermarkets, hotels, gas stations, mechanics, restaurants, hospitals with ambulance, Anchorage Police and Fire department.

Special Projects: Visitor information, daily visit counts, light maintenance, and park watch. Need to possess a high interest in public contact and offering public information on trails, hazards, and directions. Should have strong interests in hiking. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.

Amenities: Expense allowance, phone, electricity, water, and dump.

Season: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30, entire season desired.

Contact: Ranger Matt Wedeking

Other Volunteer & Volunteer Intern Positions

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSISTANT (1 - 10 positions)

Park/Area: OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY (OHA)

Anchorage and various project sites throughout the state. The State Historic Preservation Office and the Archaeological Survey Unit (ASU) are located in the Office of History and Archaeology at the Alaska State Parks headquarters in Anchorage. The ASU conducts archaeological investigations (i.e., surveys, mapping, excavations, etc.) primarily to assist other State agencies with planning requirements. Rich cultural histories characterize the various regions of the state.

Main Tasks: Assist staff archaeologists with various project specific field investigations, which include pedestrian surveys, excavation, mapping, site documentation, photography, artifact cataloging and data entry.

Special Projects: Timelines for specific field projects are generally not available until after March.

Required Skills: An interest in archaeology, a willingness to learn appropriate field methods, and an ability to live in a field situation.

Desired Skills: Coursework in anthropology or archaeology, camping and hiking skills, some field experience in archaeology or another science.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Food and housing allowances are available for most field projects. Transportation from Anchorage to project areas provided. Participants may be required to provide personal tents and sleeping bags for some projects.

Time Commitment: May 1 - October 1; generally two weeks but varies with project; most projects occur from June to August. Candidates should contact OHA in March or April for specific project dates and descriptions.

Send Application to: Alan DePew, Archaeologist

Alaska State Parks - OHA
550 W. 7th Street, Suite 1310
Anchorage, AK 99501

email: Alan_DePew@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 269-8713
fax: (907) 269-8908

BACKCOUNTRY RANGER ASSISTANT (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: SHUYAK ISLAND STATE PARK

This remote wilderness park, 54 air miles north of Kodiak, is accessible only by boat or plane. The park/island is 11 miles in diameter, and is comprised of 49,000 acres of coastal rain forest and numerous protected bays and inlets. Favorite recreation activities include sea kayaking, power boating, wildlife viewing, fishing, and hunting. The park is home to the majestic Kodiak brown bear, Sitka blacktailed deer, silver salmon, many bird species, and a great diversity of marine mammals. Park facilities include four public use cabins available for rent to visitors and the new Big Bay Rangers Station/Visitor Center. Shuyak Island is subject to the wet, windy, and unpredictable weather of the Gulf of Alaska and Shelikof Strait. Rainfall averages approximately 70 inches per year.

Main Tasks: Maintenance of 4 public use cabins including cutting and hauling firewood, keeping cabins stocked with propane, and cleaning cabins. Maintain park vessels and ranger station /visitor center grounds. Monitor patterns of park use and make visitor contacts. Trail work to include improving portage and hiking trails. Light construction. Assist with park logistics and supply. Occasionally assist park ranger with park patrol.

Required Skills: Backcountry hiking, camping and survival skills. Physically able to lift and carry up to 50lb loads over uneven terrain. Possess basic carpentry skills and knowledge of related tools. Two years of undergraduate studies in a natural

resource field. Ability and desire to live in remote location in bear country for extended periods of time. Must be of good temperament and have ability to get along well with others in close living quarters. Good communication skills and ability to work independently.

Desired Skills: Boat operation and ATV operation skill; experience in the use and maintenance of chainsaws and trail construction.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Housing will be in backcountry cabins or tents with no running water or electricity. All food, safety equipment, and some training will be provided. Travel to and from Shuyak Island will be provided. Candidates must find their own way to Kodiak.

Time Commitment: Three months, at least June 1 - September 1. As long as May 25 - September 30.

Note: Include a resume with application. Ranger is on seasonal leave till March. Volunteer will not be selected until the ranger returns to work.

Send Application to: Ranger

Alaska State Parks – Kodiak
1400 Abercrombie Drive
Kodiak, AK 99615

email: kodiakstateparks@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 486-6339
fax: (907) 486-3320

BACKCOUNTRY RANGER ASSISTANT (2 positions)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK - EKLUTNA LAKE & CENTRAL WILDERNESS AREA

The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon! Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness, and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, water sports such as kayaking and sailboarding, hunting, and ATV, mountain bike and horseback riding. Forests, lakes, mountains, and Cook Inlet are at Anchorage's doorstep. Wide spectrum of trails - summer and winter.

Eklutna Lake lies in the northern area of Chugach State Park and is approximately 36 miles from Anchorage. It boasts the largest lake and the highest mountain peak in the park. This is a very popular recreation area with campgrounds, picnic areas, public use cabin, interpretive displays and approximately 26 miles of trails. Recreation includes boating, hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, camping, biking, ATV and horseback riding.

Main Tasks: Assist area ranger with management of backcountry trails, maintenance of backcountry campgrounds, maintenance and use compliance of public use cabin, backcountry compliance to park regulations; lead person for other volunteers; assist with visitor information services; assist other park staff with special projects.

Required Skills: Backcountry hiking, camping and survival skills; ability to work independently; strong background in the use and maintenance of chainsaws; must be able to live in a primitive setting; basic carpentry skills and knowledge of related tools; outgoing personality to assist park visitors; enthusiasm; possession of a valid driver's license.

Desired Skills: Boat operation and ATV operation skill; experience with chain saw, hand tools and trail construction.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Two room, 14' x 24' cabin with electric heat, hot plate, microwave oven, refrigerator, single bed, dresser, couch, desk and chair. Shares an extension of ranger station telephone. Has pit latrine and a caretaker storage building. Laundry and shower facilities available one mile away or in nearby town, 30 miles away. Water at campground. Pets are not permitted.

Time Commitment: 4 months minimum, May 1 - August 31

Note: For this position, applications must be received between January 1 and March 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Dan Amyot
Alaska State Parks – Chugach
HC 52, Box 8999
Indian, AK 99540

email: dan_amyot@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 688-0908 or 345-5014
fax: (907) 345-6982

BACKCOUNTRY RANGER ASSISTANT (2 positions)

Park/Area: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

Nancy Lake State Recreation Area is located in southcentral Alaska, 67 miles north of Anchorage, 30 miles north of Wasilla. The nearest community is Willow, with a population of 1,500. Situated on the east side of the broad Susitna River valley, Nancy Lake SRA has the typical geography formed by the retreat of large glaciers - forested, rolling hills of glacial moraines and countless lakes, ponds, and streams. This recreation area is well known for its canoe trail system and public use cabins. The 22,685 acre park is home to moose, beaver, fox, black bear, waterfowl and many other wildlife species. Summer recreation activities include canoeing, camping, hiking and fishing. One backcountry host position is located at **Red Shirt Lake**, the other at **Butterfly Lake**.

Main Tasks: Public contact with visitors and private property owners. Collect visitor use and resource data; maintain public use cabins, backcountry campsites, and trails. Summer access to these lakes is by hiking trail, canoe trail, or float plane. Use of this area is primarily camping, boating, fishing, hiking and cabin rentals. Red Shirt Lake offers excellent fishing for Northern Pike.

Special Projects: Collect loon-nesting data. Monitor backcountry visitor use. Serve as emergency contact for backcountry users. Volunteers will perform routine maintenance of public use cabins and assist other staff with trail projects as needed. Serve as a contact for the private property owners in the area.

Required Skills: Public relations skills as this person will actively seek out and make visitor contacts. Canoe/boat experience. Must be able to live in a primitive setting.

Desired Skills: Education/experience in resource and/or recreation management. Ability to work independently, valid driver's license, carpentry skills, ability to use hand and power tools.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Housing will be in a cabin without running water or electricity. A small motorboat and/or canoe will be provided. Expense allowance available with a minimum 60-day commitment. Radio and cell phone communication is provided. Use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

Time Commitment: Minimum of two months (sixty days), June 15-August 15. As long as May 15-September 30.

Note: Application must include resume. Application deadline of March 15, instead of April 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Keith Wilson
Alaska State Parks – Mat-Su/CB
HC 32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: keith_wilson@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 495-6211 or 745-3975
fax: (907) 495-6671 or 745-0938

MUSEUM ASSISTANT (1 position)

Park/Area: WICKERSHAM STATE HISTORIC SITE

Wickersham State Historic Site is the downtown home of Judge James Wickersham, who lived in the house from 1928 until his death in 1939 at the age of 82. Judge Wickersham wrote prolifically while acting as one of the first judges in the Territory. This set of diaries is part of the collection purchased by the state along with the house in 1983. The house contains the art and memorabilia collection the judge accumulated during his life in Alaska for 40 years. Situated on a hill above Juneau, the house was originally built for the mine superintendent of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company in 1898. The state has stabilized the house and made significant improvements, but much more restoration is necessary to give it a finished appearance. Juneau has a public transit bus system.

Main Tasks: Assist the resident manager in keeping the house open for tours six days per week. Learn the history of the house and area to give short tours for visitors from the local community, tourists, and cruise ship passengers. Assist in minor maintenance such as cleaning, washing windows, mowing small lawn, and other hand tool repairs.

Desired Skills: Lead small tours, familiarity with minor housework, ability to work with people.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Housing provided in a separate bedroom in the house. Small expense allowance for food with kitchen facilities available.

Time Commitment: 8 weeks working four days per week, during June, July and August.

Send Application to: Park Specialist Paul Zahasky

Alaska State Parks – Southeast
400 Willoughby Ave.
Juneau, Alaska 99801

email: paul_zahasky@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: 907-465-4563
fax: 907-465-5330

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1 position)

Park/Area: KODIAK DISTRICT - FORT ABERCROMBIE STATE HISTORICAL PARK

The Kodiak archipelago in the Gulf of Alaska is home to the famous Kodiak brown bear and many species of marine mammals and birds. The community of Kodiak, with a population of 14,000, is one of the nation's busiest fish processing ports. Kodiak residents live next door to some of the most productive salmon streams in the world. Besides fishing, other popular pastimes include sea kayaking, hiking, birding and whale watching.

The park district includes a historic park, three recreation sites, and two wilderness parks: One on Shuyak Island and one on Afognak Island. Ft. Abercrombie SHP was a U.S. Army Coast Defense Site during World War II. It was built to protect American soil from possible Japanese invasion. A self-guided walking tour takes visitors through the remains of concrete bunkers, old gun emplacements, and other historic structures. A small campground and picnic area, hiking trails, a freshwater lake, and scenic ocean views provide park visitors with a diversity of recreation opportunities.

Main Tasks: Develop interpretive programs highlighting the park's natural history and WWII history, including conducting weekly walking tours. Schedule and conduct guided tide pool exploration walks. Supervise visiting hours at the Kodiak Military History Museum, a refurbished WWII bunker. Organize a weekly series of lectures given by local natural history experts. Write a weekly column for the local newspaper on a variety of local natural history topics. Write and record a short (less than five minutes) weekly commentary on natural history topic for the local public radio station. Assist in sales and visitor services at the Fort Abercrombie Visitor Center.

Special Projects: Varied, depending on skills and interests.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; minimum of two years undergraduate studies in natural resources, history, environmental studies and/or interpretation; ability to work independently with little or no direct supervision; ability

to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; computer skills in word processing; physically able to hike fair distances and an enthusiasm for the outdoors.

Desired Skills: College-level course work in biological or natural resource fields, and/or creative writing. Field experience in natural history interpretation and/or outdoor education. Knowledge of Alaskan WWII History. Experience in developing interpretive programs. Ability to be self-motivated to learn as much about the area as possible with little supervision. Experience working with children.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Monthly food stipend, 12x20 single cabin with electricity, gas stove and propane refrigerator/freezer. A private restroom with shower available in the Visitor Center and internet access after-hours; use of a vehicle for trips into town for laundry and shopping.

Time Commitment: May 15 through Labor Day.

Send Application to: Superintendent Wayne Biessel

Alaska State Parks – Kodiak
1400 Abercrombie Drive
Kodiak, AK 99615

email: kodiakstateparks@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 486-6352
fax: (907) 486-3320

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1 position)

Park/Area: KETCHIKAN AREA STATE PARKS - TOTEM BIGHT SHP, SETTLERS COVE SRS, REFUGE COVE SRS. Southeast Alaska's temperate rainforest is a unique part of Alaska. A group of 10,000 islands in the Alexander Archipelago snuggle up to a narrow strip of mainland on the west side of the Coast Mountains, also known as the "Inside Passage." Ketchikan, an island community, has a population of 14,500. It is noted for its rich Alaska Native Culture and totem poles, extreme geography, diverse and lush vegetation, abundant land and marine wildlife, fishing, and of course lots of water! Other popular recreation activities include hiking, sea kayaking, sailing and scuba diving. The diversity of state parks in the Ketchikan area includes: a Native cultural/historic site, 2 recreation sites, and 2 remote marine parks, one with a public use cabin. The primary emphasis for the interpreter will be accomplished at Totem Bight SHP and Settlers Cove SRS.

Main Tasks: Arrange and organize for speakers, or present interpretive programs highlighting the historic and natural resource values of the area parks. Coordinate the junior park ranger program for youth ages 8-12. Conduct weekly guided tours of the historic park for all age groups. Develop interpretive and informational displays for bulletin boards. Assist in sales and visitor services at the Alaska Natural History Association bookstore branch outlet at Totem Bight State Historic Site.

Special Projects: Varied depending on skills and personal interests.

Required Skills: Field experience in natural history interpretation or outdoor education; Enthusiasm for the outdoors, good communication and public speaking skills; ability to work independently, and basic word processing.

Desired Skills: Two years of undergraduate study in natural resources, environmental studies or interpretation. Computer skills beyond basic, and handling cash register transactions for cooperating association.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork but preference given for field experience.

Allowance/Housing: Food expense and housing allowance provided. Vehicle provided for use between work locations. Own vehicle needed for personal and recreational pursuits.

Time Commitment: 10 weeks, minimum of June 15 - August 31. As long as May 15 - September 15.

Send Application to: Ranger Mary Kowalczyk
Alaska State Parks – Southeast
9883 N. Tongass Hwy.
Ketchikan, AK 99901

email: Mary_Kowalczyk@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 247-8574
fax: (907) 247-8573

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (Up to 5 positions)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK – EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER

The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, moose, wolves, lynx, bald and golden eagles and all five species of salmon. Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, rafting, mountain biking and horseback riding. With mountains rising almost 7,000 feet in elevation just above the Nature Center, it's no wonder that Walter Mendenhall called the Eagle River Valley a "miniature Yosemite". Yet, the Nature Center is just a short 45-minute drive from Anchorage.

The Nature Center is the trailhead to 26 miles of the most scenic miles of the Historic Iditarod/Crow Pass Trail. The trail system also includes a short ¾ mile interpretive trail (Rodak Nature Trail); a 3-mile loop trail that takes you to the shores of the glacially-fed Eagle River; and a backcountry trail that takes you above the valley to Dew Lake.

Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. assumed management of the Nature Center in 1996 from Chugach State Park. The organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to serving the community with educational and recreational programs, maintaining and improving the surrounding trails, protecting and restoring habitat, and providing visitors with information about the area and park. *Friends* raised funds through memberships, donations, parking fees, fundraisers, corporate contributions, grants, facility use fees, gift shop sales and group instruction.

Main Tasks: Providing indoor information services, plus managing gift sales and memberships. Take public-use cabin and yurt reservations. Lead daily 2-hour guided nature walks; and light maintenance, including watering flowers, trash disposal, restroom cleaning, and vacuuming.

Special Projects: May include developing formal interpretive displays or programs and trail maintenance.

Desired Skills: Ability to work closely with people; flexibility; communication; organization; enthusiasm for the outdoors, willingness to "jump in" when needed, ability to be self-motivated to learn as much about the area as possible with little supervision.

Internship: Dependent on intern's requirements and will be determined case-by-case.

Allowance/Housing: Monthly stipend; Individual cabin (no electricity, gas stove; one larger cabin with a wood stove is available for couples); modern amenities inside the Nature Center, including a private restroom with shower, small shared kitchen, and internet access after-hours; and use of a vehicle for trips to Eagle River for laundry and shopping.

Time commitment: Minimum requirement – 60 days (May –September). Preference will be given for longer time commitments (May 1-September 30) and for people with a background in natural history interpretation or natural sciences.

Note: Additional information about the Nature Center is located at www.ernc.org For specific questions contact Asta Spurgis, Director of Operations at ernc@gci.net (please include "Volunteer Inquiry" in the subject). You may send applications up to one year in advance. We prefer to follow-up on preliminary applications by e-mail.

Application requirements: Completed Alaska State Parks application; short cover letter explaining your motivation for pursuing a volunteer position at the Nature Center; and a resume limited to one page. Please do not send any additional information.

Send Application to: Asta Spurgis, Director of Operations

Eagle River Nature Center
32750 Eagle River Rd
Eagle River, AK 99577

email: ernc@gci.net
phone: (907) 694-2108
fax: (907) 694-2119

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (5 positions)

Park/Area: INDEPENDENCE MINE STATE HISTORICAL PARK/HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA.

Hatcher Pass is high above treeline in the Talkeetna Mountains and about 60 miles north of Anchorage. The Hatcher Pass road is a high-country route between the Matanuska and Susitna valleys. This is gold country, with several mines still in operation and much evidence of past mining activities. Nestled in an alpine bowl at 3,500' elevation, Independence Mine's historic buildings date from Alaska's gold mining era. The buildings are partially restored for public tours and illustrate the history of prospecting and hard-rock mining in Alaska. The park visitor center now occupies the old manager's house, built in the 1930s. Visitors to the park can enjoy a historic walking tour and beautiful alpine scenery. The area of responsibility includes the 48,000-acre Hatcher Pass East Management area, a mostly alpine, mountainous park.

Main Tasks. This person will provide guided one hour tours of the historical park and surrounding area several times per day. Tours will focus on the historic buildings, but may also include the alpine tundra and the geology of the area. A special underground tour may be offered as well.

- Interpreters will receive thorough training on these topics prior to leading tours.
- Interpreters will also rove around the historic park to meet and greet the visitors to provide them with historic and other information to further enhance their visit.
- Interpreters may assist in the development of one or more displays related to the Independence Mine, or hard rock mining in general.
- Interpreters will also participate in the general upkeep of the grounds and facilities on a daily basis.
- Interpreters may assist staff in projects or backcountry patrols in the adjacent Hatcher Pass Management area. Projects will likely include trail maintenance and foot bridge construction while patrols range from four hours to four days.

Required Skills: The ability and desire to be a public speaker, ability to walk and stand for the entire shift, an interest in history and or mining, and a willingness to participate in a team effort in park and trail projects.

Desired Skills: Experience in backpacking, hiking, outdoor activities and interests, self sufficiency is helpful.

Internship: Will assist volunteer internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Space for two RV's, others will be housed in historic building bunkhouse style. Small expense allowance.

Time Commitment: May 15-September 15.

Send Application to: Ranger Kym Miller

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB
HC 32, Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: kymberly_miller@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 745-8936
fax: (907) 745-0938

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1 position)

Park/Area: CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

This park unit is located 30 miles northeast of Fairbanks and is a 250,000 acre multiple use recreation area. Bisected by the clear-running Chena River and its tributaries, the area comprises a diversity of alpine tundra, boreal forest, and riparian habitats. Recreational opportunities and facilities include canoeing, hiking and ATV trails, rock climbing, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, campgrounds, picnic sites, public use cabins, and more. A dry continental climate coupled with non-stop daylight often yields an abundance of sunny days with 70-85 degree temperatures.

Main Tasks: Design and maintain 15 area bulletin board informational and interpretive displays; opportunities to design and develop upgrade and update flyers and brochures, implementation of a self-guided interpretive trail; boating trail use and etiquette; assist occasionally with other park operations as needed.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; have minimum of two years undergraduate study in a natural resource-related or education field; academic or work experience in interpretive services; interest and knowledge of natural history; public speaking ability; good public relations skills; be physically able to hike fair distances; ability to work independently with little or no direct supervision; able to live and work closely with others; able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; computer skills in word processing.

Desired Skills: Desktop publishing; artistic drawing; graphic arts; photography; brochure layout and publication; environmental education; park planning.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Combination of rustic cabins and backcountry camping. No water, power or phones at camp location. Expense allowance of \$150 semi-monthly.

Time Commitment: 10 weeks, starting June 1 (extension possible).

Send Application to: Ranger Paul Lhotka
Alaska State Parks – Northern
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613

email: paul_lhotka@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 451-2653
fax: (907) 451-2754

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER (APLIC), in Fairbanks

The Alaska Public Lands Information Center is a multi-agency visitor center dedicated to providing high-quality information regarding safe and proper access to resources and recreation opportunities with Alaska's vast public lands. Located in the sunny "Golden Heart City" of Fairbanks in Interior Alaska, the Center specializes in information regarding recreation opportunities such as hiking, camping, fishing, and gold panning in Interior and Northern Alaska. The center offers self-guided trip planning stations, childrens' exploration station, daily film showings and museum exhibits that interpret the natural, cultural and historical resources of Alaska's public lands, as well as a bookstore operated by the non-profit Alaska Natural History Association. Staff members are fully trained to provide trip-planning assistance, interpretive and educational programs, and fee collection services. Staff represents and promotes the missions of eight state and federal agencies: The Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development (Tourism), Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Alaska Department of Natural Resources (including Alaska State Parks), Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Park Service.

Main Tasks: Diverse staff works together to provide trip-planning assistance and interpretive materials to local and visiting public, primarily at busy information desk and throughout museum. Presentation of formal and informal interpretive and educational programs is strongly encouraged; training and support will be provided.

Required Skills: Ability to work effectively with diverse staff and public; excellent verbal communication skills; interest in natural/cultural resource related subjects; ability to work independently and under pressure.

Internship: Will assist volunteer internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Small stipend may be provided; housing is NOT provided, but assistance in finding housing may be provided.

Time Commitment: Twelve weeks minimum: June 1-August 31; preference given to longer commitments, mid-May through mid-September.

Note: Transportation around Fairbanks will be limited; a personal vehicle is recommended.

Send Application to: Jesse Arrington III, Ranger and Interpreter

Alaska Public Lands Information Center
250 Cushman Street, Suite 1A
Fairbanks, AK 99701

email: jesse_arrington@nps.gov
phone: (907) 456-0527
fax: (907) 456-0514

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER (APLIC), in Anchorage

These inter-agency centers are located at four locations throughout Alaska, providing one-stop information sources for all public lands and facilities in the state. Staff provides interpretive services, fee collecting, and sales materials regarding all types of recreational activities including camping, hiking, biking, fishing, hunting, kayaking and canoeing. The intern/volunteer will be representing nine different federal and state agencies including Alaska State Parks and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Alaska Division of Tourism, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey. In the Anchorage center, we offer a full range of interpretive materials, free video programs, exhibits depicting the rich natural and cultural heritage of the 49th state, and a wide variety of books and maps sold by our branch of the non-profit Alaska Natural History Association. Our staff are carefully trained to provide interpretive messages representing all the agencies and resource issues currently of interest throughout the state.

Main Tasks: Volunteer/interns work together with staff providing trip-planning assistance and interpretive materials to visitors, collecting fees for reservations and use of public facilities, and handling cash register transactions for cooperating association sales items. They may also be asked to develop and present informal interpretive programs.

Required Skills: Applicants need excellent public speaking ability and experience, the ability to work effectively with other interpreters and volunteers from a broad range of backgrounds, and the ability to remain calm under pressure - this center is in an urban setting where visitation is heavy during the summer season. Good organizational skills and the ability to work independently without a lot of direct supervision are also needed.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Will be provided, however, housing is not on location. Must have own personal vehicle for transportation to and from the center.

Time Commitment: 12 weeks minimum, at least June 1 - August 31. As long as May 15th to September 15th.

Send Application to: Chris Smith, Ranger, and Interpreter

Alaska Public Lands Information Center
605 W. 4th Avenue, #105
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

email: chris_smith@nps.gov
phone: (907) 271-2740
fax: (907) 271-2744

NATURALIST FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK – EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER

The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, moose, wolves, lynx, bald and golden eagles and all five species of salmon. Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, rafting, mountain biking and horseback riding. With mountains rising almost 7,000 feet in elevation just above the Nature Center, it's no wonder that Walter Mendenhall called the Eagle River Valley a "miniature Yosemite". Yet, the Nature Center is just a short 45-minute drive from Anchorage. The Nature Center is the trailhead to 26 miles of the most scenic miles of the Historic Iditarod/Crow Pass Trail. The trail system also includes a short ¾ mile interpretive trail (Rodak Nature Trail); a 3-mile loop trail that takes you to the shores of the glacially-fed Eagle River; and a backcountry trail that takes you above the valley to Dew Lake.

Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. assumed management of the Nature Center in 1996 from Chugach State Park. The organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to serving the community with educational and recreational programs, maintaining and improving the surrounding trails, protecting and restoring habitat, and providing visitors with information about the area and park. *Friends* raised funds through memberships, donations, parking fees, fundraisers, corporate contributions, grants, facility use fees, gift shop sales and group instruction.

Main Tasks: Leading and/or assisting staff naturalists with interpretive programs for K-12 schoolchildren. Curricula and training will be provided by staff naturalists, but the candidate must have a degree in the natural sciences and some teaching experience. Besides leading programs (topics range from animal tracking to forest ecology) the position requires assisting with organizing handouts and materials and set-up both before and after a program.

Desired Skills: Degree in the natural sciences (botany, biology, ecology, etymology, zoology, geology) and some experience working with children. Students completing their degrees will also be considered (internships).

Allowance/Housing: weekly stipend (dependant on experience). Two-room cabin with a wood stove, and no electricity. Access to all modern amenities inside the nature center, including bathroom with shower, shared kitchen, and internet access. Vehicle will be available for occasional use.

Time commitment: April 1 through early June.

Send Application to: Asta Spurgis, Director of Operations

Eagle River Nature Center
32750 Eagle River Rd
Eagle River, AK 99577

email: ernc@gci.net
phone: (907) 694-2108
fax: (907) 694-2119
www.ernc.org

PARK CARETAKER/RANGER ASST (1 position)

Park/Area: HATCHER PASS - INDEPENDENCE MINE STATE HISTORICAL PARK

Hatcher Pass is high above treeline in the Talkeetna Mountains and about 60 miles north of Anchorage. The Hatcher Pass road is a high country route between the Matanuska and Susitna valleys. This is gold country, with several mines still in operation and much evidence of past mining activities. Nestled in an alpine bowl at 3,500' elevation, Independence Mine's historic buildings date from Alaska's gold mining era. The buildings are partially restored for public tours and illustrate the history of prospecting and hard-rock mining in Alaska. The park visitor center now occupies the old manager's house, built in the 1930's. Visitors to the park can enjoy a historic walking tour and beautiful alpine scenery. The area of responsibility includes the 48,000-acre Hatcher Pass East Management area, a mostly alpine, mountainous park.

Main Tasks: This person may reside in the apartment in the visitor center, or in their own RV, and is responsible for operating the diesel powered generator, and performing basic maintenance on many operating systems including the water and heating systems, radio phone, and recording and reporting the weather daily. This person will perform many maintenance duties on the buildings and grounds such as repairing doors and windows, painting buildings and picnic tables, repairing railings and foot bridges, in and around the historic mine camp. This person will also provide local and historic information to the many visitors to the park on a daily basis. This person will also be involved in more extensive projects that will include trail and footbridge maintenance in the back country in Hatcher Pass. This person may participate with a Park Ranger in road and trail law enforcement patrols and may also participate in backcountry patrols ranging from four hours to four days.

Special Projects: May construct interpretive displays; small building stabilization projects; window and door repair throughout the historical park. May be assigned to special, week long projects including backcountry trail work, and backcountry patrols which will involve mountaineering and glacier travel skills.

Required Skills: A background in carpentry, electrical and/or plumbing, safe use of electric power tools, chainsaws and brush cutters. Prior use and maintenance of diesel powered generator systems, the ability to walk and stand for long periods of time. The ability to carry and lift loads of 50 pounds.

Desired Skills: The ability to be a public speaker. Experience in hiking, outdoor activities and interests, self sufficiency helpful.

Internship: An internship may be considered.

Allowance/Housing: A modern, furnished, efficiency apartment in the upper floor of the parks visitor center, formerly the mine manager's house. Must be able to be flexible and adaptable in living conditions as up to six individuals will be utilizing and sharing the kitchen and bathing facilities in this apartment. Expense allowance available. No pets permitted.

Time Commitment: May 15 - September 15.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2005.

Send Application to: Ranger Kym Miller

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB
HC 32, Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: kymberly_miller@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 745-8936
fax: (907) 745-0938

PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: POTTER SECTION HOUSE – CHUGACH STATE PARK

The Potter Section House is Chugach State Parks' office and is nestled on Turnagain Arm with easy access to Anchorage and the scenic Seward Highway. The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, eagles and four species of salmon. Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, hunting and ATV, mountain bike and horseback riding.

Main Tasks: Live at Potter Section House to prevent criminal mischief and vandalism. Help in the office by answering phones, greeting visitors, selling annual passes, data entry and light janitorial work. Assist in grounds keeping, trail work and light maintenance outside.

Allowance/Housing: Housing is available at the Potter Section House, phone and electric. An expense allowance is available.

Time Commitment: May 1 – August 31 Entire season is desired and extensions are possible.

Send Application to: Park Superintendent

Alaska State Parks - Chugach
HC 52, Box 8999
Indian, AK 99540

email: Marilee_Rivas@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 345-5014
fax: (907) 345-6982

PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: BIRD POINT – CHUGACH STATE PARK

The Bird Point Day Use Area is a popular sightseeing stop on the Turnagain arm. It is a main access to the Girdwood to Indian bike path, a twelve-mile bike path that winds along the Turnagain arm. A large viewing area with interpretive displays gives a panoramic view of the Turnagain arm flanked by stunning mountains and glaciers. Bears, sheep and belugas are common sights at Bird Point. Many people stop at Bird Point to watch the bore tide, a rare tidal flow that occurs in the Turnagain arm. Your host site is a two-bedroom cabin nestled in the trees at the Point. Many past hosts have reveled at the 'million dollar view' of the beaver ponds and the Turnagain arm.

Main Tasks: Visitor information, daily visit counts, light maintenance, and park watch. This position is recommended for individuals highly active with trail patrol and maintenance. Weather can be variable and views exceptional. Need to possess a high interest in public contact and offering public information on trails, hazards, directions and radio usage. Should have

strong interest in hiking and biking. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.
Allowance/Housing: Two bedroom cabin, phone, electricity, water and dump.

Time Commitment: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30, entire season desired

Send Application to: Ranger Matt Wedeking

Alaska State Parks - Chugach

HC 52, Box 8999

Indian, AK 99540

email: Matthew_wedeking@dnr.state.ak.us

phone: (907) 345-5014

fax: (907) 345-6982

PARK CARETAKER (4 positions)

Park/Area: DENALI STATE PARK - ALASKA VETERANS MEMORIAL

Located centrally along the Parks Highway, this popular stop has been completely refurbished including a visitor center with interpretive displays and visitor information. The site will serve visitors with information about the 325,000 plus acres of accessible wilderness in the park abounding with bears, moose, and other wildlife, hiking opportunities and magnificent views of Mt. McKinley and the Alaska Range. The closest community is Trapper Creek, 32 miles south with a population of 400.

Main Tasks: Staff visitor contact station for information and retail sales service; provide janitorial maintenance.

Special Projects: May provide interpretive talks/walks; assist the rangers in special projects.

Required Skills: Sincere desire to provide all levels of visitors with a positive park experience.

Desired Skills: Carpentry and generator maintenance.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: New caretaker cabin has electric lights, shower and flush toilet, and will be shared. Also will consider couple with own RV for housing. Expense allowance provided with minimum 60 day commitment.

Time Commitment: Late May - early September, preference to three month commitment or more.

Note: Application deadline is March 1, instead of April 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Dan Valentine

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB

HC32 Box 6706

Wasilla, AK 99654

email: Daniel_valentine@dnr.state.ak.us

phone: (907) 745-3975

fax: (907) 745-0938

PARK CARETAKER (1- 2 positions)

Park/Area: HALIBUT POINT STATE RECREATION SITE

Halibut Point SRS is located four miles from downtown Sitka along Halibut Point Road. This day-use park is located on the ocean in a coastal spruce/hemlock forest and is a popular picnic and group gathering area. Three public use picnic shelters, picnic sites, and hiking paths are located in this 22-acre park. The district office is located in this park. Couples are preferred at this site.

Main Tasks: Perform daily maintenance and cleaning of park facilities. Coordinate picnic shelter permits and reservations. Assist ranger with office duties. Other duties include landscaping and trail maintenance.

Special Projects: Work with staff on maintenance or construction projects in other district parks.

Required Skills: Ability to operate hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Carpentry experience.

Allowance/Housing: Volunteer lives in cabin at park. Electric heat, water, shower, and indoor plumbing provided in cabin.

Time Commitment: 6 - 8 weeks, April – September

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork

Send Application to: Ranger James Bunting
Alaska State Parks - Southeast
3803 Halibut Point Rd.
Sitka, AK 99835

email: James_Bunting@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 747-6249
fax: (907) 747-3007

PARK CARETAKER (1 positions)

Park/Area: ALASKA CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE

The preserve is located north of Haines, Alaska, along the Chilkat and Chilkoot River valleys, and includes about 48,000 acres of prime eagle habitat. It is world-renowned for the large gathering of up to 3,000 eagles at a time during the fall and early winter. A facility located at the “Council Grounds”, 19 miles north of Haines, on the highway to Canada provides outside interpretive displays under a shelter overlooking the Chilkat River at a point where the highest concentration of eagles occurs. There is a trail running along the river for two miles connecting parking lots and other scenic view sites.

Main Task: Assist the preserve ranger in daily operations of visitor contact, eagle observation, and facility maintenance, including routine janitorial work on one vaulted latrine. Will include light carpentry work, vehicle counts, highway safety information, and eagle and salmon counts along with other nature observations.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; be physically fit and willing to work in rugged terrain in cold and wet conditions; able to work independently with little or no direct supervision; able to live in rustic accommodations without running water; have good public relation skills and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Log 16' x 16' cabin with full sleeping loft. Propane heat and cooking stove, underground power, phone, no running water, but full kitchen with graywater outfall. Public latrine nearby.

Time Commitment: Minimum of eight weeks, April 1st through September 30th.

Send Application to: Ranger Joel Telford
Alaska State Parks – Haines Office
P.O. Box 430
Haines, AK 99827

email: Joel_Telford@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 766-2292
fax: (907) 766-2284

RANGER ASSISTANT (2 position)

Park/Area: CAINES HEAD STATE RECREATION AREA & RESURRECTION BAY STATE MARINE PARKS.

Caines Head is a promontory in Resurrection Bay adjacent to Kenai Fjords National Park. The area hosts a wealth of marine mammals, fishes and nesting pelagic birds. Mountains ring the bay and trap incoming storms. High levels of precipitation feed the tremendous glaciers that sweep through the area and foster rain forests and abundant wildlife. Caines Head is located seven water miles south of Seward, Alaska. Accessible by boat or foot, it contains the remains of WWII fortifications overlooking Resurrection Bay and is rich in wildlife. Five other marine parks exist within Resurrection Bay and nearby Day Harbor. These are all accessible by boat only.

Main Tasks: Repairing and constructing trails. Painting and maintenance of park facilities. Prepare and present weekly interpretive tours of historic defense structures. Routine patrols of each park unit. Public use cabin maintenance.

Special Projects: Inventory and document historic buildings. Photography.

Required Skills: Two years of undergraduate study in a resource related field. Willing to learn boating skills and use of some power tools. Able to work well with the public; able to live and work independently in a remote setting.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Housing is 16' X 20' log ranger station to be shared with one additional staff member. Expense allowance available. Groceries in Seward (transportation available weekly) and in the sea (excellent fishing).

Time Commitment: 5 days per week, 8 weeks minimum between 5/15 and 9/7; at least 6/15 - 8/15.

Send Application to: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Alaska State Parks - Kenai/PWS
PO Box 1247
Soldotna, AK 99669

email: Jack_Blackwell@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 262-5581
fax: (907) 262-3717

RANGER ASSISTANT (1 - 2 positions)

Park/Area: OLD SITKA STATE HISTORIC SITE

Old Sitka SHS is located seven miles from downtown Sitka on Halibut Point Road. This day-use park is located along Starrigavan Bay at the site of the first Russian settlement in Sitka. Attractions at this park include a one-mile interpretive trail located in a coastal muskeg and spruce/hemlock forest, boat ramp, dock, and interpretive kiosks explaining the cultural history of this site.

Main Tasks: Perform daily maintenance and cleaning of park facilities. Other duties include landscaping and trail maintenance work.

Special Projects: Volunteers may work with staff on maintenance or construction projects in other district parks.

Required Skills: Ability to operate hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Carpentry experience.

Allowance/Housing: Volunteer lives in rustic cabin at park. Oil heat and electric lights are provided. No water or plumbing in cabin.

Time Commitment: 6 - 8 weeks, April - September

Internship: Will assist volunteer with internship requirements and paperwork

Send Application to: Ranger James Bunting

Alaska State Parks - Southeast
3803 Halibut Point Rd
Sitka, AK 99835

email: James_Bunting@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 747-6249
fax: (907) 747-3007

RANGER ASSISTANT (2 positions)

Park/Area: DELTA AREA STATE PARKS

The Delta area covers a wide expanse of interior woodlands, hills, braided river bottoms, and high country tundra. The Alaska Range borders the south side and the Yukon River/Tanana River uplands stretch for miles to the north and northeast. The Delta area is home to a large herd of free roaming bison transplanted from Montana in 1927 and 1928. Moose and

caribou are frequently seen in the Delta Junction area and Dall sheep may be viewed south of town in the Alaska Range. State Parks in the Delta area serve as access points to vast areas of Interior Alaska wilderness. The Delta Parks District includes four state recreation sites, a 640 acre recreation area, and one historical park. The five park units for these positions are Quartz Lake Recreation Area, Donnelly Creek Campground, Clearwater Campground, Delta Campground and Fielding Lake Campground.

- Quartz Lake offers the best rainbow and landlocked silver salmon fishing in the Interior. This very popular area is located fifteen miles north of Delta Junction.
- Clearwater Campground is on a peaceful bend of the Delta - Clearwater Rivers. This crystal clear river offers excellent canoeing, fishing for grayling, and wildlife viewing opportunities.
- Donnelly Creek Campground is 25 miles south of Delta Junction on the Richardson Highway. The campground offers a peaceful setting with stunning views of the Alaska Range with good wildlife viewing. This is a favorite campground for foreign visitors.
- Delta Campground is near Delta Junction and hosts travelers from around the world as a roadside stop. The Alaska Range and the Delta River can be seen from the campground.
- Fielding Lake Campground is located 65 miles south of Delta Junction in the Alaska Range at an elevation of 2,973 feet. This area provided great lake trout, grayling and burbot fishing opportunities.

Main Tasks: The ranger assistant positions are ideal for natural resource or park and recreation internships. They offer valuable experience for persons interested in careers in park management. Ranger assistants will be involved in the day to day operations of all state park units in the Delta Junction area. As an intern, your experience will be closely supervised and unique school requirements will be complied with.

Required Skills: Ability to work effectively with other volunteers and the public. Must be comfortable with living in a primitive setting. Interest in natural resource related subjects. Ability to work with little supervision. Operation of basic trail clearing tools, maintenance tools, chain saws, and brush cutters. Valid driver's license.

Desired Skills: Public speaking ability, construction skills.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Expense allowance of \$150 twice monthly. Transportation is provided within the district and limited transportation in the region. Showers available at the Delta Parks office.

Time Commitment: 8 weeks minimum, preference given to longer commitments, May 20 - September 10.

Send Application to: Ranger Maureen Gardner

Alaska State Parks
PO Box 318
Delta Jct., AK 99737

email: maureen_gardner@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 895-4599
fax: (907) 895-5043

RANGER ASSISTANT (1 position)

Park/Area: HARDING LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA, BIRCH LAKE STATE RECREATION SITE & SALCHA RIVER STATE RECREATION SITE

These park units are located approximately 45 miles southeast of Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway and are busy and popular on weekends. The weather is often sunny and warm. Recreational activities are fishing, hiking, boating, and picnicking. Facilities include day use and picnic sites, campgrounds, boat launches, and hiking trails.

Main Tasks: Assist staff in daily operations involving facility maintenance, visitor contacts, brush cutting, lawn mowing, painting, routine janitorial work, picking up litter, and other duties.

Special Projects: Upgrading bulletin boards, expanding the self-guided nature trail at Harding Lake SRA, and assisting in the Harding Lake entrance station as needed.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; have an interest in natural resources and the environment; must be

physically fit, and able to work and live with others in rustic accommodations.

Desired Skills: Understanding of operation and maintenance of power and hand tools, carpentry skills, and landscaping.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Rustic cabin with showers available at ranger station. Expense allowance of \$150 semi-monthly.

Time commitment: 10 weeks, starting June 1 (extension possible).

Send Application to: Ranger Preston Kroes

Alaska State Parks – Northern
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613

email: preston_kroes@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 451-2653
fax: (907) 451-2754

RANGER ASSISTANT (5 positions)

Park/Area: CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

This park unit is located 30 miles northeast of Fairbanks and is a 250,000+ acre multiple use recreation area. Bisected by the clear-running Chena River and its tributaries, the area comprises a diversity of alpine tundra, boreal forest, and riparian habitats. Recreational opportunities and facilities include canoeing, hiking and ATV trails, rock climbing, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, campgrounds, picnic sites, public-use cabins, and more. A dry continental climate coupled with non-stop daylight often yields an abundance of sunny days with 70-80 degrees F temperatures.

Main Tasks: Assist staff in daily operations, involving facility maintenance, visitor contact, and other duties as needed. Will include trail maintenance and construction, brush and wood cutting, painting, routine janitorial work, landscaping, small structural repairs and picking up litter

Special Projects: Varies with the individual: interpretive trail plan implementation, river patrols, repair of back country cabins, campground maintenance.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; have basic outdoor survival skills; be physically fit; willing and able to work in rugged terrain; ability to work independently with little or no direct supervision; able to live and work closely with others; ability to live in rustic accommodations; good public relations skills; able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. This is a great place for a couple to volunteer together.

Desired Skills: Operation and maintenance of chain saws, brush cutters, and other power tools; river canoeing; trail construction and maintenance; carpentry skills; backcountry travel experience; landscaping.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Combination of rustic cabins and backcountry camping. There is generator power and water available at the site. No phone. Expense allowance of \$150 semi-monthly.

Time Commitment: 10 weeks, starting June 1 (extension possible).

Send Application to: Ranger Paul Lhotka

Alaska State Parks – Northern
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613

email: paul_lhotka@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 451-2653
fax: (907) 451-2754

TRAIL CREW (1 position)

Park/Area: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

Prince William Sound is in the western end of a coastal rain forest with glaciers, lakes, and fjords. Access is by boat or aircraft only! Work will be located in South Esther Island, Surprise Cove, and Decision Point Marine Parks. Park facilities include coastal campsites and one cabin located in Squirrel Cove.

Main Tasks: Assist park staff in construction and repair of boardwalk, tent platforms, and latrines for the public. Will be trained and instructed in the use of trail construction tools, boating skills/safety, construction skills, and park management.

Required Skills: Possess a valid driver's license; must possess good work ethics and maintain a strong sense of crew morale; be in good physical condition; able to live and work in a remote location cooperatively with others; able to work in adverse weather and rugged terrain; able to lift and carry heavy items; possess working knowledge of basic hand tools; possess good public relation skills.

Desired Skills: Working towards, or possession, of a degree in a natural resource related field; experience or training with power tools, such as chainsaws, brush cutters, etc.; carpentry skills; knowledge of marine environment; backcountry travel/survival skills; emergency first aid skills.

Internship: Field experience only not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Living in remote sites with tents (provided.) Should bring sleeping bags and pads, plus own towels, etc. Expense allowance of \$250/month for food.

Uniforms: No uniform required. Provide own leather work-boots or rubber boots. Raingear, work gloves, and other safety equipment provided.

Time Commitment: Minimum of 8 weeks from June – August.

Send application to: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Alaska State Parks – Kenai/PWS

PO Box 1247

Soldotna, AK 99669

email: jack_blackwell@dnr.state.ak.us

phone: (907) 262-5581

fax: (907) 262-3717

TRAIL CREW (5 positions)

Park/Area: KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

The first State Park adjoining the only Wilderness Park in Alaska, both combined include nearly 400,000 acres of rugged coastal mountains, high peaks, glaciers, river valleys, rain forest, large salt water lagoons, long stretches of remote beaches, deep bays and fjords and clear mountain lakes. They also have nearly 150 miles of coastline along two separate water bodies. Kachemak Bay and the Gulf of Alaska (Pacific Ocean). The park's abundant wildlife includes moose, black bear, mountain goat, wolves, coyote, salmon, Bald Eagles, porpoises, whales and many species of sea and shorebirds. The nearly 90 miles of trail provide access to alpine areas, river valleys, lakes and glaciers throughout the park. Alpine areas provide nearly unlimited hiking without the need for trails. The park is only accessible by boat or airplane from Homer, Alaska. Crew is transported via Park 22ft. patrol boat or landing craft.

Main Tasks: Maintain park trails and public facilities. Public facilities include campsites; trailhead registers with bulletin boards, five public use cabins, Ranger Station, dock, latrines and boardwalks. Assist park foot and boat patrols, public contact and assistance. Assist with construction or repair of any new and old facilities. Operate work skiff to access trailheads and campsites. Training will be provided in all special skill areas.

Special Projects: Visitor use surveys, scouting/surveying new trail routes, inspecting and surveying high use public use areas for visitor impacts. Long term/overnight projects of up to ten days camping out while working on trails. Assist with management of Ranger Station. Learn some basic boating skills and maintenance.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid (current) driver's license; must possess a strong work ethic; able to live and work

together with others in a remote setting; be in good physical condition and able to lift and carry tools and packs up to 45lbs in weight; working knowledge of basic hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Experience and/or training in powerboat operation, prior trail-crew experience and/or training. Training experience in backcountry travel, camping and survival. First-aid/CPR or higher level certification (current). Experience with basic carpentry, public relations, photography, statistics, and chainsaws.

Internship: Preference given to applicants seeking internship through college, working towards degree in park management, resource management, or program designed for careers in outdoor recreation such as Park Ranger or Technician.

Allowance/Housing: Expense allowance of \$250.00/monthly. Housing is a two-room bunkhouse cabin plus a one-room cabin for cooking and relaxing, located near Ranger Station in remote Halibut Cove Lagoon. Shared bunk-space while in Homer if they're on days off at the District Headquarters, four miles from Homer. Bring own sheets, sleeping bag, towels, personal items, etc.

Transportation: Must provide transportation to Alaska. Applicants who arrive in Anchorage prior to May 15 may be picked up and transported to Homer by Park Staff on May 14th. Otherwise applicants must provide transportation to Homer. Volunteers will have group use of state vehicle while in Homer on restricted and limited basis for shopping and state business.

Time Commitment: Preference to applicants who can start May 15th (arrive Anchorage by noon May 14th) and work until August 15th. Some VIP's may work until September 1 or later.

Note: Must receive application by March 15. No applications accepted after March 15th. Selected applicants will be notified by April 15th. Application should include the following: 1) completed state parks volunteer application form, 2) letter of application, 3) resume, and 4) letters of reference. **Preference given to internships.**

Send Application to: Ranger Roger MacCampbell email: asphomer@xyz.net
Kachemak Bay District phone: (907) 235-7024
PO Box 1247 or 262-5581
Soldotna, AK 99669 fax: (907) 262-3717

TRAIL CREW/Station Attendant (1 position)

Park/Area: KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

The first State Park adjoining the only Wilderness Park in Alaska, both combined include nearly 400,000 acres of rugged coastal mountains, high peaks, glaciers, river valleys, rain forest, large salt water lagoons, long stretches of remote beaches, deep bays and fjords and clear mountain lakes. They also have nearly 150 miles of coastline along two separate water bodies. Kachemak Bay and the Gulf of Alaska (Pacific Ocean). The park's abundant wildlife includes moose, black bear, mountain goat, wolves, coyote, salmon, Bald Eagles, porpoises, whales and many species of sea and shorebirds. The nearly 90 miles of trail provide access to alpine areas, river valleys, lakes and glaciers through out the park. Alpine areas provide nearly unlimited hiking without the need for trails. The park is only accessible by boat or airplane from Homer, Alaska. Crew is transported via Park's 22ft. patrol boat or landing craft.

Main Tasks: One position needed to assist with operation and maintenance of the Ranger Station Facility. This will include maintaining three public use cabins, latrines, dock and boardwalks as well as associated facilities. May assist with trail crew project on occasion. Will also assist the public with questions and directions.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid (current) driver's license; must possess a strong work ethic; able to live and work together with others in a remote setting; be in good physical condition and able to lift and carry tools and packs up to 45lbs in weight; working knowledge of basic hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Experience and/or training in powerboat operation, prior trail-crew experience and/or training. Training experience in backcountry travel, camping and survival. First-aid/CPR or higher level certification (current). Experience with

basic carpentry, public relations, photography, statistics, and chainsaws.

Internship: Preference given to applicants seeking internship through college, working towards accredited degree in park management, resource management, or program designed for careers in outdoor recreation such as Park Ranger or Technician.

Allowance/Housing: Expense allowance of \$250.00/monthly. Housing is a two-room bunkhouse cabin plus a one-room cabin for cooking and relaxing, located near Ranger Station in remote Halibut Cove Lagoon. Shared bunk-space while in Homer if they're on days off at the District Headquarters, four miles from Homer. Bring own sheets, sleeping bag, towels, personal items, etc.

Transportation: Must provide transportation to Alaska. Applicants who arrive in Anchorage prior to May 15th may be picked up and transported to Homer by Park Staff on May 14th. Otherwise applicants must provide transportation to Homer. Volunteers will have group use of state vehicle while in Homer on restricted and limited basis for shopping and state business.

Time Commitment: Preference to applicants who can start May 15th (arrive Anchorage by noon May 14th) and work until August 15th. Some VIP's may work until September 1 or later.

Note: Must receive application by March 15th. No applications accepted after March 15th. Selected applicants will be notified by April 15th. Application should include the following: 1) completed state parks volunteer application form, 2) letter of application, 3) resume, and 4) letters of reference. **Preference given to internships.**

Send Application to: Ranger Roger MacCampbell email: asphomer@xyz.net
Kachemak Bay District phone: (907) 235-7024
PO Box 1247 or 262-5581
Soldotna, AK 99669 fax: (907) 262-3717

TRAIL CREW (2 positions)

Park/Area: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

Nancy Lake State Recreation Area is located in Southcentral Alaska, 67 miles north of Anchorage. The nearest community is Willow, with a population of 1,500. Situated on the east side of the broad Susitna River Valley, Nancy Lake SRA has the typical geography formed by the retreat of large glaciers - forested, rolling hills of glacial moraine and countless lakes, ponds, and streams. This recreation area is well known for its canoe trail system and public use cabins. The 22,685 acre park is home to moose, beaver, fox, black bear, waterfowl and many other wildlife species. Summer recreation activities include canoeing, camping, hiking and fishing.

Main Tasks: Perform trail improvements and maintenance of summer hiking and winter ski trails as well as canoe portages. The area has ten miles of cross-country ski trails and approximately seventeen miles of canoe and hiking trails. Work will include re-building of small bridges, boardwalk construction, remote campsite improvements and public use cabin maintenance. Crew may also assist in some campground maintenance as needed.

Special Projects: May occasionally work with other staff on larger projects.

Required Skills: Prefer person with education/experience in resource or recreation management. Experience in hand tool use, boat/canoe handling and chain saw use.

Desired Skills: Ability to work independently, valid driver's license, experienced in backcountry living. Carpentry skills highly desired.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Housing is provided in an A-frame cabin located at the ranger station. Expense allowance with a minimum 60 day commitment.

Time Commitment: Two months (sixty days) minimum, at least June 15 - August 15. As long as May 15 - Sept. 15.

Note: Applications must include a resume. Application deadline is March 1, instead of April 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Keith Wilson
Alaska State Park – Mat-Su/CB
HC 32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: keith_wilson@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 495-6273 or 745-3975
fax: (907) 495-6671 or 745-0938

TRAIL CREW (4-5 positions)

Park/Area: DENALI STATE PARK

Just south of Denali National Park, this state park has some of the best views of the Alaska Range and Mt. McKinley. At 325,220 acres, it is almost half the size of Rhode Island, most of it wilderness. A major highway and three large rivers pass through the park providing access to camping, boating, fishing, hiking and climbing. The Byers Creek Ranger Station is a homestead site on Byers Creek at the base of Kesugi Ridge, with nearby spectacular views of the Alaska Range. Quick access to wilderness recreation and abundant wildlife. The closest community is Trapper Creek, 30 miles away with a population of 400.

Main Tasks: Constructing and maintaining backcountry and front country trails. Maintenance of area wide campgrounds, public use cabins and facilities.

Special Projects: Supervise volunteer work crew on special construction projects within the park. Assist staff on back county and river patrols.

Required Skills: Must be able to live and work closely with others in shared quarters. Familiarity with basic hand and power tools. Basis chainsaw operation.

Desired Skills: Carpentry skills.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Volunteers will base out of primitive cabins at Byers Creek ranger station with phone and propane lights. Use and privileges of cabin with full utilities 3 miles north. Expense allowance with a minimum of 60 day commitment.

Time Commitment: June - September, preference to three months or more.

Note: Application deadline is March 1, instead of April 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Dan Valentine
Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB
HC32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: daniel_valentine@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 745-3975
fax: (907) 745-0938

WINTER NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1-2 position)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK - EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER

The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon! Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness, and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. The Nature Center is operated by a non-profit Friends group in cooperation with Chugach State Park. The purpose of the Nature Center is to provide a safe environment in which park visitors can receive timely and accurate information and learn about the natural environment. We strive to give visitors a little something extra – a warm atmosphere and a place to stimulate their interest in the outdoors. Our priorities are friendliness, safety and quality.

Main Tasks: Live at the Eagle River Nature Center and perform daily maintenance of the facility and latrine in the area; provided information services to the public Fridays through Sundays inside the nature center between the hours of 9:30 am and 5:30 pm; hosts groups using the facility; collect and transport recyclables to recycling collection; remove snow in the vicinity of the nature center using a snowblower and snow shovels; provide a security presence; assist staff with patrol of the trails and trail maintenance.

Special Projects: Varies with the individual but could include leading winter recreational or naturalist programs.

Desired Skills: Good public speaking skills and enthusiasm for working with the public; self-motivation; flexibility; good judgment; winter survival and recreational skills; good health and physical condition; ability to work independently and possess a valid driver's license.

Requirements: Must be available during the week to maintain the facility and area - remove snow and assist staff only when needed; available Fridays through Sundays from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm to work inside the center.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Upper floor room inside nature center with bed, desk, closets, and phone; modern restroom nearby; kitchen with some sharing; access to computer and TV/VCR; availability of vehicle to drive to Eagle River for errands (sometimes restricted use if needed by staff); Must be flexible and adaptable to living conditions because several other staff and local volunteers will be in and out of the building at various times of the day; Expense allowance available.

Time Commitment: October 1 through May 1

Note: Deadline for applications is September 1 2005, 5:00pm. Application requirements: cover letter and resume. Cover letter to confirm dates and times available; any potential conflicts with the requirements outlined above; a brief description of special skills and related experience; any important information you would like to share that pertains to the position. The person selected will be notified by September 8.

Send Application to: Asta Spurgis, Manager

Eagle River Nature Center
32750 Eagle River Road
Eagle River, AK 99577

email: ernc@gci.net
phone: (907) 694-2108
fax: (907) 694-2119

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: OLD SITKA STATE HISTORIC SITE

Old Sitka State Historic Site is located seven miles from downtown Sitka on Halibut Point Road. This day-use park is located along Starrigavan Bay at the site of the first Russian settlement in Sitka. Attractions at this park include a one-mile interpretive trail located in a coastal muskeg and spruce/hemlock forest, boat ramp, dock, and interpretive kiosks explaining the cultural history of this site.

Main Tasks: Perform daily maintenance and cleaning of park facilities. Keep boat launch and dock shoveled clear of snow and spread sand when necessary.

Special Projects: Volunteers may work with staff on maintenance or construction projects in other district parks.

Required Skills: Ability to operate hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Carpentry experience.

Allowance/Housing: Volunteer lives in rustic cabin at park. Oil heat and electric lights are provided. No water or indoor plumbing in cabin.

Time Commitment: 3 - 6 months, October - March.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Send Application to: Ranger James Bunting

Alaska State Parks - Southeast
3803 Halibut Point Rd.
Sitka, AK 99835

email: James_Bunting@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 747-6249
fax: (907) 747-3007

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 positions)

Park/Area: ALASKA CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE

The preserve is located north of Haines, Alaska, along the Chilkat and Chilkoot River valleys, and includes about 48,000 acres of prime eagle habitat. It is world-renown for the large gathering of up to 3,000 eagles at a time during the fall and early winter. A facility located at the "Council Grounds", 19 miles north of Haines, on the highway to Canada provides outside interpretive displays under a shelter overlooking the Chilkat River at a point where the highest concentration of eagles occur. There is a trail running along the river for two miles connecting the parking lots and other scenic view sites.

Main Task: Assist the preserve ranger in daily operations of visitor contact, eagle observation, and facility maintenance, including routine janitorial work on one vaulted latrine. Will include light carpentry work, winter snow removal, vehicle counts, highway safety information, and eagle and salmon counts along with other nature observations.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; be physically fit and willing to work in rugged terrain in cold and wet conditions; able to work independently with little or no direct supervision; able to live in rustic accommodations without running water; have good public relations skills and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Housing/Stipend: Log 16' x 16' cabin with full sleeping loft. Propane heat and cooking stove, underground power, phone, no running water, but full kitchen with gray water outfall. Public latrine nearby.

Time Commitment: Minimum of eight weeks, but looking for entire October 1st through March 31st for winter position, and April 1st through September 30th for summer position.

Send Application to: Ranger Joel Telford

Alaska State Parks – Haines Office
P.O. Box 430
Haines, AK 99827

email: Joel_Telford@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 766-2292
fax: (907) 766-2284

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 - 2 positions)

Park/Area: HALIBUT POINT STATE RECREATION SITE

Halibut Point SRS is located four miles from downtown Sitka along Halibut Point Road. This day-use park is located on the ocean in a coastal spruce/hemlock forest and is a popular picnic and group gathering area. Three public use picnic shelters, picnic sites, and hiking paths are located in this 22-acre park. The district office is located in this park. Couples are preferred for this site.

Main Tasks: Perform daily maintenance and cleaning of park facilities. Coordinate picnic shelter permits and reservations. Assist ranger with office duties.

Special Projects: Work with staff on maintenance or construction projects in other district parks.

Required Skills: Ability to operate hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Carpentry experience.

Allowance/Housing: Volunteer lives in cabin at park. Electric heat, water, shower and indoor plumbing provided.

Time Commitment: 3 - 6 months, October - March.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Send Application to: Ranger James Bunting
Alaska State Parks - Southeast
3803 Halibut Point Rd.
Sitka, AK 99835

email: James_Bunting@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 747-6249
fax: (907) 747-3007

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position - couple preferred)

Park/Area: SETTLERS COVE STATE RECREATION SITE

This small park is nestled in a cove along an ocean passage and surrounded by dense forest. There is fishing nearby and wildlife viewing for whales, bald eagles, and black bear. The site has several miles of hiking trail. There is also an abundance of Sitka-black tailed deer right out the front door. Settlers Cove is located 18 miles north of Ketchikan, which has a population of about 14,500. Ketchikan has a variety of art and music happenings, and is known for having the largest collection of totem poles in the world. The community is located in southern Southeast Alaska, within the coastal temperate rainforest region. Winter weather is mild and misty, with very little snow. At Settlers Cove in the winter, only the day use area is used.

Main Tasks: Light maintenance within the park, its facilities, and the cabin; provide assistance and visitor information to the visiting public, open/close the park entrance gate daily, and assist in maintenance of hiking trails.

Special Projects: Maintain record of wildlife sightings such as birds, deer and bear in the park, and daily weather record; assist in small construction projects such as viewing platforms and staircases as skills permit.

Required Skills: Must be able to work independently and have the knowledge to provide general grounds upkeep without direct supervision. Must have good speaking skills and enthusiasm for working with the public. Must be in good health and physical condition.

Desired Skills: First aid and CPR; ability to use basic carpentry tools.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Rustic log cabin with some furnishings, propane provided for lights, stove and heater, phone (local calls only).

Time Commitment: October 1 through April 3 preferred, will split if necessary.

Note: Personal 4 wheel or all wheel drive vehicle recommended for transportation. Couples are encouraged to apply.

Send Application to: Ranger Mary Kowalczyk
Alaska State Parks – Southeast
9883 N Tongass Hwy.
Ketchikan, AK 99901

email: Mary_Kowalczyk@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 247-8574
fax: (907) 247-8573

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK – POTTER SECTION HOUSE

The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon! Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness, and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, water sports such as kayaking and sailboarding, hunting, and ATV, mountain bike and horseback riding. Just a 20-minute drive from downtown, forests, lakes, mountains, and Cook Inlet are at Anchorage's doorstep. Wide spectrum of trails - summer and winter.

Main Tasks: Assist with snow removal and office duties.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Housing provided.

Time Commitment: September 1 - April 30.

Note: For this position, applications must be received by July 1.

Send Application to: Park Superintendent
Alaska State Parks – Chugach
HC 52 Box 8999
Indian, AK 99540

email: Chugach_State_Park@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 345-5014
fax: (907) 345-6982

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK - EKLUTNA LAKE FACILITY

The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon! Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness, and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. The Eklutna Lake Facility is located about an hours drive North of Anchorage at the west end of 8-mile Eklutna Lake. Recreation includes: camping, hiking, biking, horse riding, climbing, boating, hunting, ATV'ing, skiing, snowshoeing, snowmachine and wildlife viewing.

Main Tasks: Live at Eklutna Lake to help deter criminal mischief and vandalism of facility, and contacting ranger staff or appropriate authorities in case of problems or emergencies. Other duties include visitor contacts, making fee compliance checks of vehicles at trailhead, snow removal using plow truck, ATV, and snow shovel. Also assist with equipment and facility maintenance, snowmachine and ski trail maintenance, working on interpretive displays, and office duties.

Special Projects: As assigned.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid drivers' license; must be able to work independently; must be in good physical health; must also have good public speaking skills and enthusiasm working with the public. Must be familiar with use and maintenance of plow trucks, snowmmachines, and ATV's.

Desired Skills: First aid and CPR, avalanche and winter survival training; ability to use an assortment of hand and power tools, and two-way radio.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: 14' x 24' cabin with kitchen area and bedroom. Accommodations include electric heat, hot plate, microwave oven, refrigerator, bunk bed, sofa chairs, dresser and shelving. Shares extension of ranger station telephone. Has pit latrine and a caretaker storage building nearby. Laundry and shower facilities available in nearby town, 30 miles away. Water must be brought in from outside the park. One expense allowance is available, though couples are welcome to apply. Pets are not permitted.

Time Commitment: September 15 through May 1.

NOTE: Applications will be accepted thru August 15th.

Send Application to: Ranger Dan Amyot

Alaska State Parks - Chugach
HC 52 Box 8999
Eagle River, AK 99577

email: Dan_Amyot@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 688-0908 or (907) 345-5014
fax: (907) 688-0908 or (907) 345-6982

WINTER PARK CARETAKER/RANGER ASSISTANT (1 position)

Park/Area: HATCHER PASS and INDEPENDENCE MINE STATE HISTORICAL PARK

Hatcher Pass is high above tree line in the Talkeetna Mountains and about 60 miles north of Anchorage. Hatcher Pass is usually the first accessible location in Southcentral Alaska to develop adequate snow cover for snowmobile riding, cross-country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding and similar activities. A plowed road into this mountainous region provides easy access to these winter activities to the Anchorage/Mat-Su area and thus is a very popular winter destination. Alaska State Parks actively manages the recreation resources, and provides for most of the public safety and law enforcement concerns, in the eastern 48,000 acres of the 212,000 acre Hatcher Pass Management Area. State Park operation in the remainder of the area is more passive involving occasional patrols. Winter in Hatcher Pass generally lasts from October through May and the area receives 20 to 30 feet of snow, which develops into a solid 8 to 12 foot snowpack.

Main Tasks: Live at Independence Mine and perform daily maintenance and/or monitoring of a diesel power plant, furnace system, radio phone, water system and three latrines in the area; remove snow in the vicinity of the visitor center using a large snowblower and snow shovels, and assist in shoveling snow from roofs; perform maintenance as needed to the snowblower, and to several snowmobiles; record daily weather, conditions, and observations; host groups using the visitor center; provide a security presence; assist the ranger in snowmobile and ski trail development, maintenance, patrols, road patrol, visitor contacts and general area maintenance.

Special Projects: Varies with individual but could range from some aspect of winter studies to researching history of the gold mining days in the mining district, to small carpentry projects.

Required Skills: Must be able to endure or even enjoy isolation for up to several days at a time during snowstorms; must enjoy winter and winter sports; must be able to cross-country ski, snowshoe, and ride snowmobiles in steep country with deep powder snow; must also have good public speaking skills and enthusiasm working with the public; must be in good health, good physical condition and be a high energy person. Must be familiar with operating and maintaining a diesel generator power plant, furnace and electrical systems, a variety of snowmobiles, and a snowblower.

Desired Skills: First aid and CPR, avalanche and winter survival training; ability to use basic carpentry tools, use of two way radio and camera; driving in snow and ice.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: A modern, furnished, efficiency apartment in the upper floor of the parks visitor center, formerly the mine manager's house; must be able to be flexible and adaptable in living conditions as several other staff or groups may be utilizing the kitchen and bathing facilities in this apartment occasionally. The winter plowing ends 1.5 miles short of the visitor center. Access to and from the building is via skis, snowshoes or snowmobile. One expense allowance is available, though couples are welcomed to apply. Pets are not permitted.

Time Commitment: 7 months, generally from late September until mid May.

Note: Applications will be accepted thru August 15.

Send Application to: Ranger Kym Miller

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB
HC32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: kymberly_miller@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 745-3975
fax: (907) 745-0938

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

Also includes other nearby park units. Nancy Lake State Recreation Area is located in Southcentral Alaska, 67 miles north of Anchorage. The nearest community is Willow, with a population of 1,500. Situated on the east side of the broad Susitna River valley, Nancy Lake SRA has the typical geography formed by the retreat of large glaciers - forested, rolling hills of glacial moraine and countless lakes, ponds, and streams. This recreation area is well known for its canoe trail system and public use cabins. The 22,685 acre park is home to moose, beaver, fox, black bear, waterfowl and many other wildlife species. Winter recreation activities include snow machining, cross-country skiing, dog sledding and ice fishing.

Main Tasks: Perform maintenance on 13 Public Use Cabins, ski trails and snow machine trails. Assist area with snow machine patrols to remote lakes, both alone and with rangers. Some miscellaneous maintenance on snowmachines and tools.

Special Projects: Collect backcountry use data.

Required Skills: Ability to operate hand and power tools. Good physical condition. Snow machining experience. Ability to work in a winter environment.

Desired Skills: Carpentry and maintenance skills, ability to work independently.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Housing is provided in an A-frame cabin at the ranger station. Shower and toilet facilities in the station. Expense allowance available. Some winter gear, snowshoes, snowmachine and portable radio provided.

Time Commitment: Two months (sixty days) minimum, November 15 - April 15

Note: Application must include a resume. Application deadline of August 15, instead of April 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Keith Wilson

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB
HC32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: keith_wilson@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 745-3975
fax: (907) 745-0938

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: DENALI STATE PARK - ALASKA VETERANS MEMORIAL

Located at mile 147.1 on the George Parks Highway. Denali State Park is a modern facility centrally located on 325,240 acre. The facility overlooks scenic Byers Lake and Kesugi Ridge. Winter operations here provide a vital link for the traveling as well as recreating visitor. The facility is 32 miles from the nearest community of Trapper Creek.

Main Tasks: Perform maintenance and cleaning of park facilities, including public use cabins. Perform mechanized and manual snow removal. Assist ranger on snowmachine and ski patrols.

Special Projects: Work with staff on maintenance or construction projects in other area parks.

Required Skills: Ability to operate hand and power tools, including snowmachines and snow removal equipment. Must have

high level of personal fitness and desire for solitude.

Desired Skills: Carpentry experience.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Volunteer will live in modern cabin with electric heat and indoor plumbing. Expense allowance available.

Time Commitment: 3-6 months, November - March.

Send Application to: Ranger Dan Valentine
Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB
HC32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: daniel_valentine@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 745-3975
fax: (907) 745-0938

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (2 positions)

Park/Area: CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

This park unit is located 30 miles northeast of Fairbanks (pop. 32,000) and is a 1/4 million acre multiple use recreation area. Bisected by the clear-running Chena River and its tributaries, the area comprises a diversity of alpine tundra, boreal forest, and riparian habitats. Winter recreational opportunities and facilities include snowmobiling, dog sledding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, trapping and a system of public use cabins.

Main Tasks: Assist staff in daily operations, involving facility maintenance, visitor contact, and other duties as needed. Will include caretaking of the maintenance compound, brush cutting, wood cutting, routine janitorial work, light carpentry work, snow removal, monitor vehicle counts, maintenance on snowmobiles, sleds, snow blowers, etc.

Special Projects: Monitor the use and the maintenance of six public use cabins, winter trail maintenance and construction.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid drivers' license; have basic outdoor survival skills; be physically fit; willing and able to work in rugged terrain; ability to work independently with little or no direct supervision; ability to live in rustic accommodation; good public relations skills; able to communicate effectively both orally and written.

Desired Skills: Operation and maintenance of snowmobiles, snow blowers, chain saws, brush cutters, and other power tools; winter trail construction and maintenance; carpentry skills; winter backcountry travel experience; winter survival skills.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: New, wood framed, insulated, 12' x 20' cabin. Wood stove for heat, white gas lights and stove. No water, power or phones at camp location. Expense allowance of \$150 semi-monthly.

Time Commitment: February 1 - May 15

Send Application to: Ranger Paul Lhotka
Alaska State Parks – Northern
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613

email: paul_lhotka@dnr.state.ak.us
phone: (907) 451-2653
fax: (907) 451-2754

WINTER PARK CARETAKER/CAMPGROUND HOST (1 position)

Park/Area: STARRIGAVAN RECREATION AREA, SITKA ALASKA

Enjoy the off-season and experience the winters volunteering in Southeast Alaska living in a quaint pan abode cabin complete with the usual necessities. Interact with campers, hikers, well users, dog walkers and all other users. The Starrigavan Recreation Area, 7 miles from Sitka, is a joint management venture between the USDA Forest Service and Alaska State Parks.

Starrigavan Campground, Starrigavan Picnic Area, Starrigavan Bird Viewing Deck, Estuary Life Boardwalk Trail and Trailhead and the Mosquito Cove Trailhead are managed by the Forrest Service and are adjacent to the Old Sitka State Historic Site and Mosquito Cove Loop Trail managed by Alaska State Parks. Because the Starrigavan Recreation Area offers numerous trail loop systems adjacent to the campground, there is a phenomenal amount of day use activity in the fall and winter seasons of the year. Attractions include 2¼ miles of loop trails, winter camping and other non-motorized forms of winter recreation. Artesian well water

Main Tasks: Looking for a committed retired couple or retired individual to be a fulltime winter campground host(s) as the campground and adjacent areas are open year round. Duties include: meet and greet visitors, provide an off-season presence on site, provide light maintenance, monitor users and water system and report law enforcement needs or vandalism. Light maintenance includes cleaning restrooms daily, cleaning campsites and picnic sites after use, replacing disposable signs, keeping leaf litter off boardwalks. Snow removal around the cabin either with ATV or manually with a snow shovel, filling potholes in the roadway, and other needs as necessary. The major daily operation needs include opening and closing access gates, monitoring chlorine level in water system under direction of the certified water operator, selling split firewood, picnic shelter permits and campsite permits, posting campsite reservations, and monitoring use.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid drivers license; be able to work independently and have the knowledge to provide general grounds upkeep without direct supervision. Preference for ATV snow plowing experience, but not required. Must have good speaking skills and enthusiasm for working with the public. Must be in good health and physical condition. Must have basic office and computer skills.

Desired Skills: First aid and CPR; experience with hand and power tools.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Volunteer(s) live in a small cabin (1 bedroom, kitchen/living/office area, bath and laundry) at campground. Oil heat, electrical lights, phone (local calls only) and indoor plumbing provided. Dish-TV (not guaranteed) and internet access provided. **Adults and non-smokers only; Pets are not permitted.** Travel paid for ferry between Bellingham, Washington and Sitka, Alaska for a couple and their vehicle 19 feet or less.

Time Commitment: 6.5 months, Late September through early April.

Note: Personal 4-wheel vehicle needed for transportation. Applications accepted through August 15. State Park application may be used to apply for this position.

Send Application to:

USDA Forest Service, Sitka Ranger District
ATTN: Sandy Russell, Campground Manager
204 Siginaka Way
Sitka, AK 99835

Email: srussell03@fs.fed.us
phone: (907) 747-4216
fax: (907) 747-4253



ALASKA STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Please send application to the ranger/area listed for the position you are applying for.
See page 4, General Information, for further information on how to apply.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Message phone (____) _____ Valid driver's license, state & no. _____

Message address _____ Best time to call _____

Position & area you are applying for _____

Dates you are available _____ (If applying for other position, please list on separate sheet)

What other positions, areas or parks would you accept? _____

If volunteering for campground host, are you interested in moving to different campgrounds during your stay? _____

Do you have an RV or trailer? _____ Willing to work weekends? _____

Employment status: Full time _____ part time _____ unemployed _____ retired _____

Occupation _____ May we contact your references & employers? _____

Education: high school _____ college _____ Field: _____

Reference or most recent employers	Address/phone number	Dates of employment
1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____

Other volunteer experience _____

Outdoor interests, hobbies or special training and skills _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? _____ Are you on medication? _____

Physical or medical condition affecting kind of work you can do _____

Signature _____ Date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.

Alaska State Parks Supplemental Application

Only for volunteers interested in internship/school credit should fill this out.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Intern Program Information

If you are applying as part of an internship program with an accredited college or university please provide a copy of your college transcript (does not have to be notarized) and the following information:

Title of program/course _____

Description of program/course _____

Description of internship requirements _____

Description of supervision requirements and reports _____

Name and address
of university _____

Name of supervising professor _____ ph (_____)

College transcript - attached _____ to follow _____

Additional information about your college program _____

Supplemental Questions

Why do you want to be a volunteer intern for Alaska State Parks? _____

If you are applying for a remote assignment, describe your backcountry camping and traveling experience _____

Describe your health and level of fitness _____

First Aid Training (indicate highest level of certification) _____

CPR Certification? _____ Expiration date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.



ALASKA STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Please send application to the ranger/area listed for the position you are applying for.
See page 4, General Information, for further information on how to apply.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Message phone (_____) _____ Valid driver's license, state & no. _____

Message address _____ Best time to call _____

Position & area you are applying for _____

Dates you are available _____ (If applying for other position, please list on separate sheet)

What other positions, areas or parks would you accept? _____

If volunteering for campground host, are you interested in moving to different campgrounds during your stay? _____

Do you have an RV or trailer? _____ Willing to work weekends? _____

Employment status: Full time _____ part time _____ unemployed _____ retired _____

Occupation _____ May we contact your references & employers? _____

Education: high school _____ college _____ Field: _____

Reference or most recent employer s Address/phone number Dates of employment

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Other volunteer experience _____

Outdoor interests, hobbies or special training and skills _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? _____ Are you on medication? _____

Physical or medical condition affecting kind of work you can do _____

Signature _____ Date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.

Alaska State Parks Supplemental Application

Only for volunteers interested in internship/school credit should fill this out.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Intern Program Information

If you are applying as part of an internship program with an accredited college or university please provide a copy of your college transcript (does not have to be notarized) and the following information:

Title of program/course _____

Description of program/course _____

Description of internship requirements _____

Description of supervision requirements and reports _____

Name and address
of university _____

Name of supervising professor _____ ph (_____)

College transcript - attached _____ to follow _____

Additional information about your college program _____

Supplemental Questions

Why do you want to be a volunteer intern for Alaska State Parks? _____

If you are applying for a remote assignment, describe your backcountry camping and traveling experience _____

Describe your health and level of fitness _____

First Aid Training (indicate highest level of certification) _____

CPR Certification? _____ Expiration date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.



ALASKA STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Please send application to the ranger/area listed for the position you are applying for.
See page 4, General Information, for further information on how to apply.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Message phone (_____) _____ Valid driver's license, state & no. _____

Message address _____ Best time to call _____

Position & area you are applying for _____

Dates you are available _____ (If applying for other position, please list on separate sheet)

What other positions, areas or parks would you accept? _____

If volunteering for campground host, are you interested in moving to different campgrounds during your stay? _____

Do you have an RV or trailer? _____ Willing to work weekends? _____

Employment status: Full time _____ part time _____ unemployed _____ retired _____

Occupation _____ May we contact your references & employers? _____

Education: high school _____ college _____ Field: _____

Reference or most recent employers	Address/phone number	Dates of employment
------------------------------------	----------------------	---------------------

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Other volunteer experience _____

Outdoor interests, hobbies or special training and skills _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? _____ Are you on medication? _____

Physical or medical condition affecting kind of work you can do _____

Signature _____ Date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.

Alaska State Parks Supplemental Application

Only for volunteers interested in internship/school credit should fill this out.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Intern Program Information

If you are applying as part of an internship program with an accredited college or university please provide a copy of your college transcript (does not have to be notarized) and the following information:

Title of program/course _____

Description of program/course _____

Description of internship requirements _____

Description of supervision requirements and reports _____

Name and address
of university _____

Name of supervising professor _____ ph (_____)

College transcript - attached _____ to follow _____

Additional information about your college program _____

Supplemental Questions

Why do you want to be a volunteer intern for Alaska State Parks? _____

If you are applying for a remote assignment, describe your backcountry camping and traveling experience _____

Describe your health and level of fitness _____

First Aid Training (indicate highest level of certification) _____

CPR Certification? _____ Expiration date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.



ALASKA STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Please send application to the ranger/area listed for the position you are applying for.
See page 4, General Information, for further information on how to apply.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Message phone (____) _____ Valid driver's license, state & no. _____

Message address _____ Best time to call _____

Position & area you are applying for _____

Dates you are available _____ (If applying for other position, please list on separate sheet)

What other positions, areas or parks would you accept? _____

If volunteering for campground host, are you interested in moving to different campgrounds during your stay? _____

Do you have an RV or trailer? _____ Willing to work weekends? _____

Employment status: Full time _____ part time _____ unemployed _____ retired _____

Occupation _____ May we contact your references & employers? _____

Education: high school _____ college _____ Field: _____

Reference or most recent employers	Address/phone number	Dates of employment
------------------------------------	----------------------	---------------------

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Other volunteer experience _____

Outdoor interests, hobbies or special training and skills _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? _____ Are you on medication? _____

Physical or medical condition affecting kind of work you can do _____

Signature _____ Date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.

Alaska State Parks Supplemental Application

Only for volunteers interested in internship/school credit should fill this out.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Intern Program Information

If you are applying as part of an internship program with an accredited college or university please provide a copy of your college transcript (does not have to be notarized) and the following information:

Title of program/course _____

Description of program/course _____

Description of internship requirements _____

Description of supervision requirements and reports _____

Name and address
of university _____

Name of supervising professor _____ ph (_____)

College transcript - attached _____ to follow _____

Additional information about your college program _____

Supplemental Questions

Why do you want to be a volunteer intern for Alaska State Parks? _____

If you are applying for a remote assignment, describe your backcountry camping and traveling experience _____

Describe your health and level of fitness _____

First Aid Training (indicate highest level of certification) _____

CPR Certification? _____ Expiration date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.