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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.

This year, we are seeking over 150 volunteers for positions throughout Alaska. Over half of these volunteers are campground hosts. Hosts stay in the campground and assist the ranger with campground maintenance and visitor contact. 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 during the winter. College credit is available for 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,



James King
Director, Alaska State Parks

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IMPORTANT CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS



WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State to develop and implement a plan to require all travelers, U.S. citizens and foreign nationals alike, to present a passport or other document, or a combination of documents, that denote identity and citizenship when entering the United States. The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative is the Administration's proposed plan to implement this mandate.

The goal of the Initiative is to strengthen border security and facilitate entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors by providing standardized, secure and reliable documentation which will allow the Department of Homeland Security to quickly, reliably and accurately identify a traveler.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

All persons, including U.S. citizens, entering the United States from the Americas, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will soon be required to have a passport or other accepted documents (U.S. Permanent Resident Card, asylee or refugee document, Merchant Mariner's Document, or NEXUS Air card) that establishes the bearer's identity and citizenship.

The change will be implemented in two phases.

The timeline is as follows:

- **JANUARY 23, 2007:** Requirement applied to all **air** travel to or from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.
- **JANUARY 1, 2008:** All persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda by **land or sea** (including ferries), may be required to present a valid passport or other documents as determined by the Department of Homeland Security. Ample advance notice will be provided to enable the public to obtain passports or other documents for land/sea entries.

For more information, please visit www.travel.state.gov or www.dhs.gov.

For more information about applying for a passport, U.S. citizens may visit www.travel.state.gov or call the National Passport Information Center toll free at 1-877-4USA-PPT or TDD/TYY: 1-888-874-7793. Foreign nationals should contact their respective governments to obtain passports.

IMPORTANT: The information above was current at the time of printing. Please check with the United States Department of State for current passport requirements at <http://www.state.gov/>

General Information

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. If you are driving from the continental United States to Alaska, you must have a passport or other accepted documentation to travel through Canada. See previous page for more information on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

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 for a specific volunteer position. 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: dnr.pksvol@alaska.gov

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 1st and no earlier than October 1st. Any exceptions to these deadlines are noted in the position description. *Many positions are filled before April 1st, 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 a subsistence payment, 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. The Subsistence payment varies between \$100/month - \$500/month, with maximum amount paid \$500 per month not to exceed \$25 a day. No goods or services may be provided beyond the subsistence payment.

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.

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 trash 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 cottage 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, a Subsistence payment may be available for longer commitments, ranging from \$100-\$300 a month. See the *Amenities* category listed with each position description for more information.

How often is the catalog updated?

The catalog is updated annually and available every October first, both in hard copy and on the Internet for the following summer. Volunteer positions are posted on the Internet with vacancy status at www.alaskastateparks.org under the heading of "Volunteer Program." The list is kept current with available and filled positions.

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

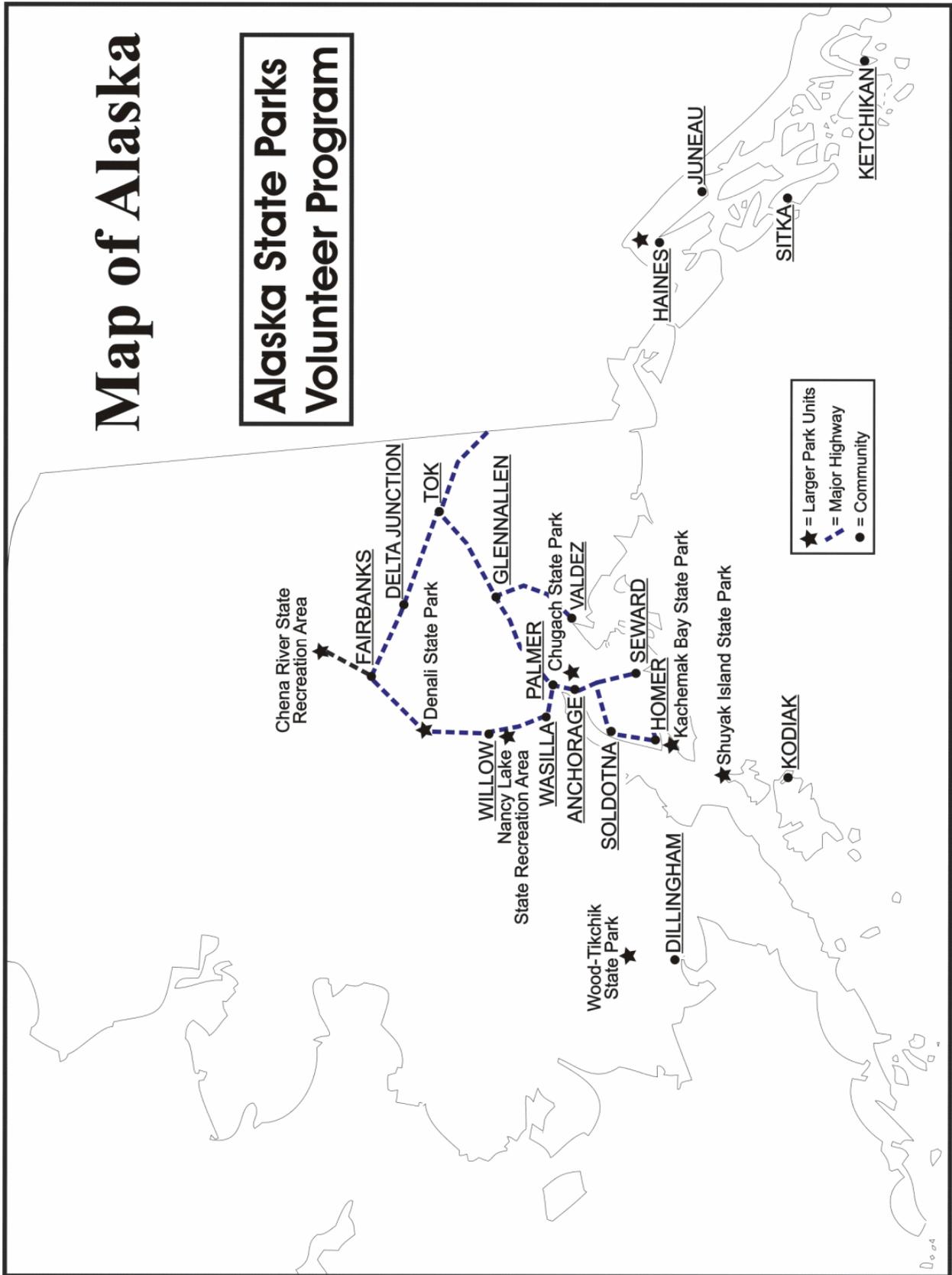
Intern and Other Volunteer Information

Every position is a volunteer position and is 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.

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Map of Alaska

Alaska State Parks Volunteer Program



★ = Larger Park Units
 — = Major Highway
 ● = Community

Campground Host Positions

NORTHERN AREA

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Delta District

Box 318, Delta Junction, AK 99737

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fax: (907) 895-5043

email: dnr.pksnorth@alaska.gov

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. Rosehip is one of the many “take out” points for canoeists on the Chena River.

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

Amenities: Dry camp, dump tank, and subsistence payment.

Season: 7-8 weeks minimum between 5/22 - 7/14, 7/14 - 9/8

Contact: Ranger Paul Lhotka

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, and 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. Perform minor campground maintenance, litter pickup, and landscaping. Clean restrooms and assist with janitorial duties.

Amenities: Dry camp, dump tank, and subsistence payment.

Season: 7-8 weeks minimum between 5/22 - 7/14, 7/14 - 9/8

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 sales; 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: Subsistence payment; electricity, phone, sanitation and water hook-up; showers at Harding Lake Ranger Station. Several convenience stores are in the area, major services in Fairbanks and North Pole, within 45 miles of park.

Season: Six weeks minimum between late May and early September

Contact: Ranger Mike Moore

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. 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: Subsistence payment, rustic cabin on the river, showers at Harding Lake Ranger Station (approximately 3 miles away). Convenience stores in area, and major services in Fairbanks and North Pole, within 45 miles of park.

Season: Six weeks minimum stay between late May and early September *Contact:* Ranger Mike Moore

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

Season: Six week minimum stay between late May and early September. *Contact:* Ranger Mike Moore

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. Host may assist with the 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,
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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 and public use cabin 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: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, frame cabin.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22 - 7/14 or 7/14 - 9/8

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. 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: Subsistence payment.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22 - 7/14 or 7/14 - 9/8

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: Subsistence payment, cabin.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22 - 7/14 or 7/14 - 9/8

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 best recreational weather in the state.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Subsistence payment, frame cabin.

Season: 7-8 weeks, 5/22 - 7/14 or 7/14 - 9/8

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

Byers Lake Campground - Denali State Park

This quiet, family campground is nestled on Byers Lake at the foot of Kesugi Ridge. The area offers spectacular views of Mt. McKinley. It is located 147 miles north of Anchorage and 90 miles from the National Park Service entrance. An RV is required. For more volunteer positions in Denali State Parks, see page 30.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost and dump station. All volunteers in Denali State Park have access to a centralized facility with laundry, showers and full kitchen.

Season: 4 weeks min., Late May – early September,
prefer 2 months or more commitment.

Contact: Ranger Dan Valentine
email: Daniel.Valentine@alaska.gov

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. For more volunteer positions in Denali State Parks, see page 30.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost and dump station. All volunteers in Denali State Park have access to a centralized facility with laundry, showers and full kitchen.

Season: 4 weeks min., May 15 - October 1, prefer
2 months or more commitment.

Contact: Ranger Dan Valentine
email: Daniel.Valentine@alaska.gov

Denali View South Campground and Day Use Area – Denali State Park

This very popular day use area provides visitors with interpretive signs and photographs of Mt. McKinley and the Alaska Range. It is located on a bluff above the Chulitna River with the best view of Mt. McKinley on the road system. An RV is required. For more volunteer positions in Denali State Parks, see page 30.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost and dump station. All volunteers in Denali State Park have access to a centralized facility with laundry, showers and full kitchen.

Season: 4 weeks min., May 15 - October 1, prefer
2 months or more commitment.

Contact: Ranger Dan Valentine
email: Daniel.Valentine@alaska.gov

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: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

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

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: Keith.Wilson@alaska.gov

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: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, electric RV hookup, phone (hard line), use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

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

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: Keith.Wilson@alaska.gov

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 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. Visitor contact, campground maintenance, light janitorial, assist with staffing entrance station on peak use weekends.

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

Season: 8 weeks minimum, as long as 5/15 – 9/6

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: Keith.Wilson@alaska.gov

Willow Creek State Recreation Area

This second position is to assist during the busy King Salmon season. 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 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, visitor contact, campground maintenance, light janitorial, assist with staffing entrance station on peak use weekends.

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

Season: 4 weeks minimum, 5/15 – 7/15

Contact: Ranger Keith Wilson

email: Keith.Wilson@alaska.gov

Little Susitna Public Use Facility

Little Susitna Public Use Facility offers camping and boating access approximately 26 miles south of Wasilla. This beautiful campground/boat launch lies within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge on the pristine Little Susitna River. The river is famous for its world-class sport fishing. Predominate fish species include Chinook and Coho salmon. Other species of salmon are present in addition to trout and char. The area is heavily forested with spruce and birch. Opportunities abound to view and photograph the area's wildlife. The game refuge is home to an abundance of wildlife including brown bear, black bear, moose and a variety of waterfowl including a large variety of migratory shore birds. A general store offering food, showers, storage, and gasoline is 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 entire facility, monitor visitor use, general campground management, firewood and decal sales, janitorial maintenance and other duties as assigned

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, generator/fuel, uniform jackets/hats, free camping and cellular phone.

Season: 5/15 - 9/15

Contact: Ranger Kurt Hensel

email: Kurt.Hensel@alaska.gov

KENAI/PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA

PO Box 1247, Soldotna AK 99669

phone: (907) 262-5581, fax (907) 262-3717, email: Tami.Carrico@alaska.gov

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 use area, 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 in Sterling. It has a boat launch and campground. River and shore fishing for trout and salmon (kings, reds and silvers) is available. Two positions - one for the day use area and one for the campground are needed.

Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, 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 Don Barber

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, subsistence payment, electrical hookup, water on-site, storage cabin.

Special Projects: As arranged.

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

Contact: Ranger Alison Eskelin

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, subsistence payment, electrical hookups, all services located in Sterling.

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

Contact: Ranger Alison Eskelin

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, subsistence payment, water, sewer, ranger station on-site.

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

Contact: Ranger Alison Eskelin

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, boat launch, boardwalk and latrines. Position requires daily maintenance of three latrines, monitor fee compliance, and litter pickup.

Amenities: Small log cabin, water on site, and subsistence payment.

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

Contact: Ranger Jack Ransom

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. The surrounding mountains offer outstanding opportunities to view 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, subsistence payment which may include oil heat cost.

Season: 4 months, 5/15 - 9/15 with possible over-wintering without subsistence payment.

Contact: Ranger Don Barber

Kasilof River State Recreation Site

This recreation site is located along the Kasilof River about ten miles south of Soldotna. Boat launch and day use parking areas 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: Subsistence payment, all services available in Soldotna

Season: May 15 - September 1

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

Crooked Creek State Recreation Site (2 positions)

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. The other volunteer position performs maintenance and cleaning duties in the campground.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment, phone, electricity, and holding tank. All services available 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: Subsistence payment, 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: Subsistence payment, electricity. All services are available 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: Subsistence payment, 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 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: Subsistence payment, 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: Subsistence payment, electricity and water, shower and laundry facility available at park office. Other services are 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: Subsistence payment, shower and laundry facility available at park office. Other services are 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 60 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: Subsistence payment, shower and laundry facility available at park office. Other services are available in Ninilchik.

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

Contact: Ranger Jack Blackwell

KODIAK AREA

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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.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, electricity, cell phone, shower facilities available at park office, pressurized cold water.

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

Contact: Jennifer Culbertson

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, and 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, and keep Park Ranger advised of activity in park.

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, electricity, and cell phone. Shower facilities available at park office.

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

Contact: Ranger Jennifer Culbertson

Pasagshak River State Recreation Site

The rustic Pasagshak River State Recreation Site is located at the mouth of the Pasagshak River, 40 miles on a rough gravel road from the town of Kodiak. 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: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, electricity, and cell phone. Shower facilities available at the park office 40 miles away.

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

Contact: Ranger Jennifer Culbertson

CHUGACH/ANCHORAGE AREA

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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.

Glen Alps Day Use Area

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 Upper Huffman access. It is a popular picnic area with six picnic tables and fire pits. Many people come in the evening to picnic, to watch the moose browse on the willow, or enjoy the views of Denali and Susitna. Glen Alps is close to Anchorage, which has amenities such as sanitary dump stations, 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. Applicant should have a 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 Tom Crockett

Bird Creek Campground

Description: Bird Campground is located at mile 101 of the Seward Highway approximately 20 miles South of Anchorage. The campground is located between the highway and the picturesque Turnagain Arm, which is famous for its Bore Tide and its Beluga whales. Towering spruce trees and stands of birch surrounding the campground provide an attractive background for 28 camping sites. The campground is popular due to its proximity to Bird Creek that is a stocked salmon fishery managed by the Department of Fish and Game. It is also well known for its quiet family atmosphere that people return to year after

year. The campground receives high use on holidays with moderate to high use on most weekends. A hand water pump provides potable water but no pressurized water is available. Water can be brought in from the overflow campground across the street. The host site has electrical hookups. Many visitors stop on their way through to Seward or the Kenai Peninsula for fishing or travel. Bird Campground is within easy travel of Anchorage which includes amenities such as sanitary dump stations, visitor information center, supermarkets, hotels, gas stations, mechanics, restaurants, and hospitals with ambulance, State Troopers and a local 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. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.

Amenities: Expense allowance, phone, electricity

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

Contact: Ranger Tom Crockett

Bird Creek Campground Overflow

Description: Bird Campground Overflow is located at mile 101 of the Seward Highway approximately 20 miles South of Anchorage. The overflow campground is located above the highway with views of the picturesque Turnagain Arm, which is famous for its Bore Tide and its Beluga whales. The campground is popular due to its proximity to Bird Creek that is a stocked salmon fishery managed by the Department of Fish and Game. It is well known for its quiet family atmosphere that people return to year after year. The campground receives high use on holidays with moderate to high use on most weekends. The host site has electrical, water, and septic hookups. Many visitors stop on their way through to Seward or the Kenai Peninsula for fishing or travel. Bird Campground Overflow is within easy travel of Anchorage which includes amenities such as sanitary dump stations, visitor information center, supermarkets, hotels, gas stations, mechanics, restaurants, and hospitals with ambulance, State Troopers and a local 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. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.

Amenities: Expense allowance, phone, electricity, water, and septic

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

Contact: Ranger Tom Crockett

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 parking spaces, 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 moose calves wandering with their mothers throughout the area. Your host site is located halfway up the facility,

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment, phone, electricity, water, and dump.

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

Contact: Ranger Tom Crockett

Eklutna Lake Campground

This 50-unit campground also has a 15-site overflow, two group camping areas, picnic area and trailhead to 30 miles of trail. It is located one hour north of Anchorage at the western end of 8-mile long glacier fed Eklutna Lake. There are mountains, glaciers, and wildlife viewing for Dall sheep, mountain goats, wolves, coyote, moose and bear. The area offers opportunities for hiking, biking, ATV'ing, horseback riding, boating, and Dolly Varden fishing. Host duties include welcoming campers and day users and acquainting them with the park area and facility; informing visitors of the park regulations, policies and fee requirements; staffing an entrance fee station on the weekends and holidays to collect fees and answer questions regarding the park, as well as local and statewide attractions; deterring vandalism/criminal mischief; responding to emergencies by contacting the appropriate law enforcement or EMS agency to respond; and informing the area ranger of any problems. Assist the area park ranger and staff with the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the campground facilities including traffic control, janitorial maintenance of latrines, light repairs, painting, litter pickup, cleaning fire rings, some documentation and office work. There are two positions -one for the main campground and one for the overflow campground.

Special Projects: As assigned.

Amenities: Subsistence check which may include propane cost, electricity, phone, water, and dump.

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

Contact: Ranger Preston Kroes

SOUTHEAST AREA

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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 viewing.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment, 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. 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 viewing and a boat ramp.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment. Services located in Haines.

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

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 large trees of the temperate rainforest. There is good fishing, whale watching, beachcombing and fabulous kayaking. The area has 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: Log cabin, minimal furniture and utensils. Propane heat and stove/oven; electric refrigerator. Propane, electricity, phone and subsistence payment provided. 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. It is the only park in the Alaska State system dedicated to the Southeast Alaskan native culture, displaying the art and architecture of the late 19th century. The park exhibits 14 totem poles and a clanhouse, hand-crafted by Native carvers in the area. A short self guided trail winds through the rainforest to the totemic display facing an ocean passage. Commercially guided 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: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, use of office and phone, electricity provided. Caretaker RV site is located next to the beach, facing the west with beautiful sunsets. 2 mile bike trail nearby. 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: Subsistence payment, water, and propane provided. Full services available 17 miles away. Radio phone available for emergencies.

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

Contact: Park Specialist Paul Zahasky - Juneau Office

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, and artifact cataloging and data entry.

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

Required Skills: Applicants must have 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 subsistence payment 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

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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, 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 portage and hiking trail improvements. 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. 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

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BACKCOUNTRY RANGER ASSISTANT (1 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..Anchorage is next door to this amazing wilderness; residents and visitors can find a quick retreat in the park. Recreational opportunities include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, ATV riding, climbing, wildlife viewing, photography, hunting, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, camping, sailboarding, and berry picking. The park offers a wide variety of trails for both summer and winter use.

Eklutna Lake lies in the northern area of Chugach State Park and is approximately 36 miles north of Anchorage. It boasts the largest lake and the highest mountain peak in the park. This is a very popular recreational area with campgrounds, picnic areas, public use cabins, interpretive displays and approximately 30 miles of trails.

Main Tasks: Assist area ranger with management and maintenance of backcountry trails, campgrounds, remote airstrip and public use cabins. Be available to respond to problems or emergencies by contacting ranger staff or appropriate authorities; contact park visitor to inform and educate them of park rules and regulations. Backcountry ranger may be lead person for other volunteers and assist with visitor services and maintenance of front country camp ground/facilities, and operation of fee booth.

Amenities: Subsistence payment, rustic cabin w/electricity and phone. No water or plumbing, outhouse nearby.

Required Skills: Backcountry hiking, camping and survival skills. Ability to work independently without direct daily supervision. Must be able to live in a primitive setting; have basic carpentry skills and possess a valid driver's license.

Desired Skills: Education and/or experience in resource/recreation management. Outgoing personality and willingness to make public contacts. Have a strong background in the use and maintenance of chainsaws; carpentry skills and ATV operation.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork for college credit.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment and shower card. Provided housing is a two room, 14' x 24' furnished cabin next to the ranger station. Accommodations include electric heat, hot plate, microwave oven, refrigerator, double bed, dresser, couch, television, VCR, AM/FM/cassette player, desk and chair. Cabin shares an extension of ranger station telephone. Latrine and a storage building are located nearby. Laundry and shower facilities available one mile away. Water is available in the main campground. Pets are not permitted.

Time Commitment: Start end of May or 6/1 for a minimum of 10 weeks.

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

Send Application to: Ranger Preston Kroes

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BACKCOUNTRY RANGER ASSISTANT/HOST (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: Maintain public use cabins and backcountry campsites, contact backcountry visitors and private property owners. Collect visitor use and resource data. Summer access to these lakes is by hiking trail, canoe trail or floatplane. Use of this area is primarily camping, boating, fishing, hiking and cabin rental.

Special Projects: 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, canoe/small boat experience, light maintenance skills, ability to work independently. Must be able to live in a primitive setting.

Desired Skills: Education/experience in resource and/or recreation management. Carpentry skills, ability to use hand and power tools. Due to the remote nature of these assignments, couples are encouraged to apply

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. Subsistence payment available with a minimum 60-day commitment. Radio and cell phone communication is provided. Use of Nancy Lake Office facilities and front country bunk space provided.

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

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

Send Application to: Ranger Keith Wilson

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HC 32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99688

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Or

Ranger Keith Wilson
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Willow, AK 99688

email: Keith.Wilson@alaska.gov

BOATING SAFETY INSTRUCTOR (1-10 positions)

Park/Area: OFFICE OF BOATING SAFETY

Various locations throughout the state of Alaska.

Main tasks: Provide a variety of boating education programs for children and adults. Identify and obtain the necessary resources to develop, prepare for, and execute a wide variety of boating education programming including classes, workshops, and presentations, on non-commercial boating safety topics. Travel to urban and rural areas around the state as needed to provide programs.

Special projects: May participate in special events, assist program staff with program development and / or evaluation, or participate on behavioral research projects.

Required skills: Must be a state-registered boating safety instructor. Training necessary for certification can be provided.

Desired skills: Experience and interest in recreational boating. Good public speaking ability. Experience teaching children and adults. Must have a valid driver's license.

Internship: Not applicable

Allowance/Housing: Travel costs including transportation, lodging, and state-approved per diem.

Time Commitment: year round, on an as-needed basis.

Send application to: Joe McCullough, Education Coordinator

Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Office of Boating Safety
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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. His 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 subsistence payment 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.

P.O. Box 111071

Juneau, Alaska 99811-1071

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phone: 907-465-4563

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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 subsistence payment, 12x20 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 Kevin Murphy

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

email: dnr.pkskodiak@alaska.gov
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. Must work independently,

Desired Skills: Two years of undergraduate study in natural resources, environmental studies or interpretation. Computer skills beyond basic knowledge 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: Monthly food subsistence payment. Vehicle and housing needs are the responsibility of the volunteer.

Time Commitment: As long as desired between May 15 - September 15.

Send Application to: Ranger Mary Kowalczyk

Alaska State Parks – Southeast
9883 N. Tongass Hwy.
Ketchikan, AK 99901

email: Mary.Kowalczyk@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 247-8574
fax: (907) 247-8573

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (Up to 5 positions)

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

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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.

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The *Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc.* 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 membership sales. Take public-use cabin and yurt reservations. Lead daily 2-hour guided nature walks. Light maintenance, including watering flowers, trash disposal, cleaning restrooms, 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: Dependant on intern's requirements and will be determined case-by-case.

Allowance/Housing: Monthly subsistence payment; Individual cabin (no electricity, gas stove) One larger cabin with a wood stove is available for couples. Modern amenities inside the Nature Center include a private restroom with shower, small shared kitchen, and internet access after-hours. 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 (April 15-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 info@ernc.org. (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 email: info@ernc.org
32750 Eagle River Rd phone: (907) 694-2108
Eagle River, AK 99577 fax: (907) 694-2119

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (4 positions)

Park/Area: DENALI STATE PARK - ALASKA VETERANS MEMORIAL

Located centrally along the Parks Highway, this popular site includes 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.

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: Desire to work with the public and familiarity with cash register operations.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment provided with minimum 60 day commitment. Use of shared amenities at caretaker’s cabin that includes electric lights, shower, toilet and laundry facilities. RV preferred, park housing possible.

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@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 355-7772 or (907) 745-3975
fax: (907) 745-0938

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (5 positions)

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

Hatcher Pass is high above the 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: The interpreters will provide guided one hour tours of the historical park and surrounding two to three times per day. Tours will focus on the historic buildings, but may also include the alpine tundra and the geology of the area. Interpreters will also share duties in the visitor center store operating the cash register, answering questions, and restocking inventory

- 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 will operate a cash register and maintain functioning of the visitor center store.
- Interpreters will also participate in the general upkeep of the grounds and facilities on a daily basis.
- Interpreters may assist staff in special projects and/or the development of one or more displays related to the Independence Mine, or hard rock mining in general.

Required Skills: The ability to work effectively with diverse staff and public and be a team player; 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; Experience or the willingness to learn cash register operations.

Desired Skills: Ability to work closely with other people; Possess flexibility, open-mindedness, organization skills, and enthusiasm; Willingness to step in when needed and the ability to be self motivated to learn as much as possible about the area.

Internship: Will assist volunteer internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Small subsistence payment, space for two RV's, others will be housed in historic building bunkhouse style.

Time Commitment: May 15-September 15.

Send Application to: Park Specialist Trish Herrmann

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

email: Trish.Herrmann@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 745-8907
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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 within 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 nine 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, the National Park Service and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

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 with internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Small subsistence payment 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. Staff is 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: Housing will be provided, however, 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

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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. College students completing their degrees will also be considered (internships).

Allowance/Housing: weekly subsistence payment (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

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Web address: www.ernc.org

PARK CARETAKER/RANGER ASST (1 position)

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

Special Projects: May construct interpretive displays; small building stabilization projects; window and door repair throughout the historical park

Required Skills: A background in carpentry, safe use of hand and 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: Ability to work closely with other people; Possess flexibility, open-mindedness, organization skills, and enthusiasm; Willingness to step in when needed and the ability to be self motivated to learn as much as possible about the area and resources.

Internship: An internship may be considered.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment available. 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. No pets permitted.

Time Commitment: May 15 - September 15.

Send Application to: Park Specialist Trish Herrmann

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

email: trish.herrmann@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 745-8907
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: Subsistence payment is available. Housing is available at the Potter Section House, includes phone and electric. No pets permitted.

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: norma.sizemore@alaska.gov
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 and the 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, Dall 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. Candidate should have strong interest in hiking and biking. Position offers great outdoor 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 Tom Crockett

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

email: Tom.Crockett@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 345-5014
fax: (907) 345-6982

PARK CARETAKER (2 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. Kackemak 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 or two positions needed to assist with operation and maintenance of the Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station. This includes maintaining 3 public use cabins, latrines, dock, campsites, boardwalks, and associated facilities. Will assist the public with questions and directions. May assist ranger or technician with other projects in the park and with trail projects as needed.

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: Monthly food subsistence payment. Housing and cooking facilities located at the Ranger Station in Halibut Cove Lagoon during workweek. Shared bunk/living space will be provided in Homer on days off. 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
Kachemak Bay District
PO Box 1247
Soldotna, AK 99669

email: Roger.MacCampbel@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 235-7024
or 262-5581
fax: (907) 262-3717

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. Four 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@alaska.gov
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. 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 email: Joel.Telford@alaska.gov
P.O. Box 430 phone: (907) 766-2292
Haines, AK 99827 fax: (907) 766-2284

RANGER ASSISTANT (2 positions)

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 power tool operation. 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: Subsistence payment available. Housing is 16' X 20' log ranger station to be shared with one additional staff member. Groceries available in Seward (transportation available weekly) and from 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 email: Jack.Blackwell@alaska.gov
PO Box 1247 phone: (907) 262-5581
Soldotna, AK 99669 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 and a two mile loop trail leading to the calm waters of Mosquito Cove. Additionally there is a 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@alaska.gov
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. Must possess a valid driver's license.

Desired Skills: Public speaking ability, construction skills.

Allowance/Housing: Rustic cabin provided for free housing. No electricity. No water or plumbing in cabin. Showers available at ranger station.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment of \$150 twice monthly. Transportation is provided within the district and limited transportation in the region. Shower facilities available at the Delta Parks office.

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

Send Application to: Ranger Maureen Gardner

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

email: Maureen.Gardner@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 895-4599
fax: (907) 895-5043

RANGER ASSISTANT (2 positions)

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: Subsistence payment. 3 bedroom house w/all amenities 2 miles from park.

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

Send Application to: Ranger Mike Moore

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

email: Mike.Moore@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 451-2655
fax: (907) 451-2754

RANGER ASSISTANT (1 position)

Park/Area: MILE 33 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.

Main Tasks: Assist with the operations of this popular Fairbanks destination. CRSRA facilities including 3 campgrounds, 9 trailheads, 20 river access roads, 3 ponds stocked by Fish & Game, 10 picnic sites, 3 backcountry shelters and 7 public use cabins. Duties assigned as needed. Might involve facility maintenance at the campgrounds and trailheads. Also back country trail maintenance as needed.

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

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license, be physically fit, willing and able to work, good public relation skills, and live closely with others in rustic accommodations

Desired Skills: Trail maintenance, basic carpentry skills, landscaping and operation. Maintenance of chainsaws, brush cutters and other powers tools.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paper work.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment. Water, dump tank, electricity, when generator is running and a primitive cabin is available if needed.

Time Commitment: 7-8 weeks minimum between 5/22 - 7/14, 7/14 - 9/8 (extension possible).

Send Application to: Ranger Paul Lhotka

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

email: Paul.Lhotka@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 451-2653
fax: (907) 451-2754

TRAIL CREW (2 positions)

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, Shoup Bay and Decision Point Marine Parks. Park facilities include coastal campsites and six public use cabins.

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. Provide maintenance on public use cabins and trails.

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: Monthly food subsistence payment of \$250/month. Live in remote sites with tents (provided.) Should bring sleeping bags and pads, plus own towels, etc.

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@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 262-5581
fax: (907) 262-3717

TRAIL CREW (6 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's 22ft. patrol boat or landing craft.

Main Tasks: Maintain park trails, campsites, and trailheads. Trail maintenance includes chainsaw and brushcutter operation, erosion control, tread work, campsite inspection and maintenance, and trailhead maintenance. Crews will be working and camping in remote settings up to 5 days at a time. Other duties may include public contact and assistance, assist with foot and boat patrols, assistance with construction and/or repair to any old or new facilities. Training will be provided in all special skill areas.

Special Projects: May be involved with visitor use surveys, inspecting and surveying high use public use areas for visitor impacts, trail reconstruction, and bridge construction.

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: Subsistence payment. Majority of the time will be spent out in the field living in tents and occasionally at the Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station. Field equipment will be available for use during the workweek. Shared bunk/living space will be provided in Homer on days off. Bring own sheets, sleeping bag, towels and 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
Kachemak Bay District
PO Box 1247
Soldotna, AK 99669

email: Roger.MacCampbell@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 235-7024
or 262-5581
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: Subsistence payment with a minimum 60 day commitment. Housing is provided in an A-frame cabin located at the ranger station.

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@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 495-6211
fax: (907) 495-6671

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, most of it wilderness, it is almost half the size of Rhode Island. A major highway and three large rivers pass through the park providing access to camping, boating, and 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 with 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 and basic chainsaw operation.

Desired Skills: Carpentry skills.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment with a minimum of 60 day commitment. 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.

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@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 355-7772 or (907) 745-3975
fax: (907) 745-0938

TRAIL CREW (6 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: Subsistence payment. Combination of rustic cabins and backcountry camping. There is generator power, mess hall w/modern kitchen, showers and laundry available at the site. Access to phone and PC.

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@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 451-2653
fax: (907) 451-2754

WINTER NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (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, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon. 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. 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; provide information services to the public Fridays through Sundays inside the nature center between the hours of 9:30 am and 5:30 pm; host groups using the facility; collect and transport recyclables to recycling center; 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 when needed; available Fridays through Sundays from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm to work inside the center, as well as to assist with Friday evening astronomy programs 2 times a month.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment available. 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.

Time Commitment: October 1 through May 1

Note: Deadline for applications is September 1, 2007, 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: info@ernc.org
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@alaska.gov
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. Count eagle and salmon along with other nature observations within the preserve.

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/Subsistence payment: 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@alaska.gov
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@alaska.gov
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 kayaking and 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. Winter interpretive programs are optional.

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: Log cabin with some furnishings, propane provided for stove/oven and heater, phone (local calls only). Propane and electric provided.

Time Commitment: October 1 through April 30 preferred, will split if necessary.

Note: Personal 4 wheel or all wheel drive vehicle recommended for transportation. Couples are encouraged to apply. Applications accepted through August 30.

Send Application to: Ranger Mary Kowalczyk

Alaska State Parks – Southeast
9883 N Tongass Hwy.
Ketchikan, AK 99901

email: Mary.Kowalczyk@alaska.gov
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, office duties, and light janitorial.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Housing provided. No pets permitted.

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: norma.sizemore@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 345-5014
fax: (907) 345-6982

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK - EKLUTNA LAKE RECREATION AREA

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

Special Projects: As assigned.

Amenities: Subsistence check, rustic cabin w/electricity and phone. No water or plumbing, outhouse nearby.

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

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

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Season: 7 months, 10/1 – 4/30, entire season desired.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment and a two room 14' x 24' furnished cabin next to ranger station. Accommodations include electric heat, hot plate, microwave oven, refrigerator, double bed, dresser, couch, television, VCR, AM/FM/cassette player. Cabin shares extension of ranger station phone line. Latrine and a storage building located nearby. Laundry and shower facilities available in nearby town 15 miles away. Running water is not available and must be brought in from outside the park. 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 Preston Kroes

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

email: Preston.Kroes@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 688-0908 or (907) 345-5014
fax: (907) 688-0908 or (907) 345-6982

WINTER 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, Dall 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: This position is recommended for individuals highly active with trail patrol and maintenance. Weather can be variable and views exceptional. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person. When weather turns, winter volunteers assist the ranger in snowmobile and ski trail development, grooming, maintenance, patrols, road patrol, visitor contacts and general area maintenance; 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.

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 hiking and biking interests. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.

Amenities: Partially unfurnished Two-bedroom cabin with phone, electricity, water and indoor plumbing.

Season: 7 months, 10/1-4/30, entire season desired. Send Application to: Ranger Tom Crockett

Contact: Ranger Tom Crockett

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

email: Tom.Crockett@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 345-5014
fax: (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: One Subsistence payment is available, though couples are welcomed to apply. 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. 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@alaska.gov
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: Subsistence payment available. Housing is provided in an A-frame cabin at the ranger station. Shower and toilet facilities in the ranger station. Some winter gear, snowshoes, snowmachine and portable radio provided.

Time Commitment: Two months (sixty days) minimum, September 30 - 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 Park – Mat-Su/CB
HC 32 Box 6706
Wasilla, AK 99654

email: Keith.Wilson@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 495-6211
fax: (907) 495-6671

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 be in good health and physical condition and willing to work in remote area.

Desired Skills: Carpentry experience.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

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

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@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 355-7772 or (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 include snowmobiling, dog sledding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing and trapping. The facilities include a system of maintained trails and 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 and 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: Subsistence payment available. New log cabin with power and access to phone and computer. No running water.

Time Commitment: November 1 - May 15

Send Application to: Ranger Paul Lhotka

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

email: Paul.Lhotka@alaska.gov
phone: (907) 451-2653
fax: (907) 451-2754

WINTER PARK CARETAKER/CAMPGROUND HOST (1 position)

Park/Area: STARRIGAVAN RECREATION AREA, SITKA ALASKA

Enjoy and experience a winter volunteering in Southeast Alaska. Live in a quaint cabin 7 miles from Sitka, Alaska. Sitka is located in the panhandle of islands adjacent to the British Columbia coast and is only accessible by air or boat.

The Starrigavan Recreation Area is a joint management venture between the USDA Forest Service and Alaska State Parks. The recreation area offers 2 ¼ miles of loop trails adjacent to 35 campsites and 6 picnic sites creating a phenomenal amount of day use activity in the fall and winter season of the year. Interact with campers, hikers, artesian well users, dog walkers, health walkers and other park users.

Main Tasks: Looking for a committed retiree (individual only) to be a fulltime winter host/caretaker. Recreation area is open year round. Duties include: live within recreation area providing a presence, assist in deterring criminal mischief and vandalism, and contact Forest Service staff or appropriate authorities in case of problems or emergencies. Meet and greet visitors, monitor water system, monitor facility use and keep appropriate records; monitor and post incoming camping reservations; collect and process camping fees; light maintenance (fill potholes in gravel roadways; clean fire rings, restrooms, campsites, remove leaf litter from boardwalk trail in fall (gas powered leaf blower provided) within the recreation area; open and close access gates daily when there is no snow; provide own snow removal at host cabin with or without an ATV (previous experience required). Other duties can be assigned as become necessary.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; be able to work independently and have the knowledge to provide general grounds upkeep without direct supervision; be familiar with use and maintenance of an ATV; have good speaking skills and enthusiasm for working positively with the public; be in good health and physical condition; 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.

Housing: Volunteer lives in a small cabin (1 bedroom, kitchen/living/office area, bath and laundry) within the recreation area. Oil heat, electrical lights, phone (local calls only) and indoor plumbing provided. **Adults and non-smokers only; Pets are not permitted.**

Allowance: Negotiated travel payment or reimbursement on Alaska Marine Highway to and from Sitka for self and vehicle 19 feet or less. Daily/monthly reimbursement provided.

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

Note: Personal vehicle needed for transportation. Applications accepted through June 15 or until filled. State Park application may be used to apply for this position.

Send Application to:

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

Email: r10_sitka_rd@fs.fed.us
phone: (907) 747-4216
fax: (907) 747-4253



ALASKA STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



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See page 5, General Information, for further information on how to apply.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone (____) _____

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

Message phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____

Message address _____ Best time to call _____

Position & area you are applying for _____

Date of Birth _____ (optional) Valid driver's license, state & no. _____

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
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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

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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? _____

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Describe your health and level of fitness _____

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

Occupation _____ May we contact your references & employers? _____

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