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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

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

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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 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.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS
All persons, including U.S. citizens, entering the United States from the Americas, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda are 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 establish the bearer's identity and citizenship.

AIR TRAVEL
All persons traveling by air outside of the United States are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States.

LAND AND SEA TRAVEL
The following summarizes information available on the Department of Homeland Security's website.

CURRENTLY:
U.S. citizens need to present either (a) a passport, passport card (scheduled to be in full production beginning in July 2008), or WHTI-compliant document; or (b) a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, along with proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.

LATER:
On June 1, 2009, the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of WHTI. The proposed rules require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport, passport card, or WHTI-compliant document.

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 1-877-487-2778 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.

On-line applications are available at: http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/vip/vipapplication.htm Applications are emailed to the volunteer coordinator and passed on to the area rangers.

Applications must be received no later than April 1st and no earlier than September 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 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; this includes litter pickup, 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-$500 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 September 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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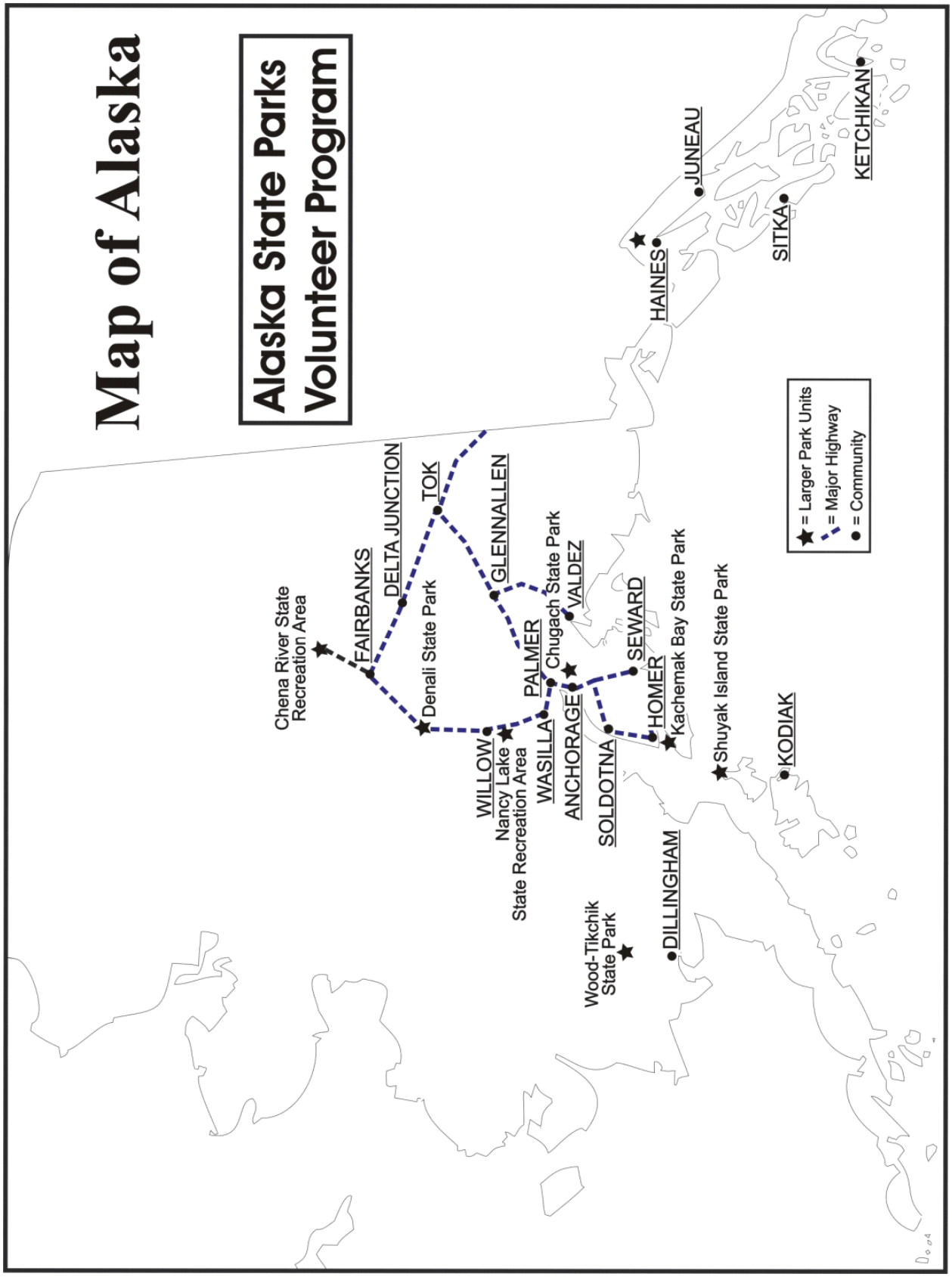
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DILLINGHAM
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HAINES
JUNEAU
SITKA
KETCHIKAN
= Larger Park Units
= Major Highway
= Community

Campground Host Positions

NORTHERN AREA
3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613
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Delta District
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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 minor landscaping. Clean restrooms and assist with janitorial maintenance.
Amenities: Dry camp, dump tank, and subsistence payment.
Season: 7-8 weeks minimum, late May to early September. *Contact:* Ranger Mike Moore
Preference given for longer commitments.

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 minor landscaping. Clean restrooms and assist with janitorial duties.
Amenities: Dry camp, dump tank, and subsistence payment.
Season: 7-8 weeks minimum, late May to early September. *Contact:* Ranger Mike Moore
Preference given for longer commitments.

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 a busy park during the warm and sunny summer months.
Routine host projects: Monitor campground, boat launch and fee program; assist with firewood and 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.
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: 7-8 weeks minimum, late May to early September. *Contact:* Ranger Nikki Phillips
Preference given for longer commitments.

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 tourists, 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: 7-8 weeks minimum, late May to early September. *Contact:* Ranger Nikki Phillips
Preference given for longer commitments.

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: 7-8 weeks minimum, late May to early September. *Contact:* Ranger Nikki Phillips
Preference given for longer commitments.

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 is within pleasant walking distance.
Season: One month of weekends only (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) in June, July or August.
Contact: Mark D. Ross, Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game

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Fairbanks, AK 99701	mark.ross@alaska.gov

Quartz Lake State Recreation Area
For travelers and locals alike, this recreation area is a great place to visit. Recreational opportunities abound. Whether you enjoy the feel of a 20 inch rainbow trout on the line, the breathtaking view after a hike to Bluff Point, or sitting around the campfire with friends, these opportunities and more are available. Wildlife viewing, camping, picnicking, playing volleyball, swimming, playing horseshoes, and water skiing are also popular summertime activities. This 600 acre recreation area borders two lakes and has facilities adjacent to the lakes to accommodate the large crowds that are often attracted. The campgrounds are located 15 miles north of Delta Junction 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 min. commitment, 5/21-7/13 and/or 7/13-9/8 *Contact:* Maureen Gardner – Delta

Clearwater State Recreation Site
A beautiful little campground lies tucked beside a crystal clear river offering a peaceful place to visit. Many visitors enjoy this recreation site for its well-kept campsites and for the picnic area. Others enjoy this site for the river access provided by the boat launch. Beside the excellent fishing opportunity for Arctic Grayling and salmon, many people enjoy the opportunity to float the Delta-Clearwater River. If you are traveling in the spring or fall, Clearwater SRS is an excellent place to see sandhill cranes, swans, geese and other migratory birds. The campground is located 17 miles east of Delta Junction in Interior Alaska.
Special Projects: As arranged
Amenities: Subsistence payment
Season: 7-8 weeks min. commitment, 5/21-7/13 and/or 7/13-9/8 *Contact:* Maureen Gardner – Delta

Delta State Recreation Site
Popular with those traveling between Fairbanks and Tok, this campground gives visitors a wilderness feel but keeps them conveniently close to town for events or shopping. Directly across the highway from the recreation site lies the Delta River allowing for some spectacular views of the Alaska Range beyond which remains snow covered year round. A city airstrip next to the site allows for fly-in camping. The campground is located only ½ mile north of Delta Junction 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, log cabin
Season: 7-8 weeks min. commitment, 5/21-7/13 and/or 7/13-9/8 *Contact:* Maureen Gardner – Delta

Donnelly Creek State Recreation Site
Located on the braided Delta River, this secluded wilderness campground is seldom crowded. With views of some of the tallest peaks of the Alaska Range, this is one of the state's most scenic campgrounds. A variety of wildlife also inhabits the area. The Delta bison herd can often be seen across the river on their summer grounds, from nearby viewpoints and occasionally from the campground. The campground is located only 28 miles south of Delta Junction in Interior Alaska, where summers are usually warm and dry. The host at this site will also take care of Fielding Lake State Recreation Area. The scenic campground at Fielding Lake is at an elevation of 2,973 feet in the Alaska Range. Because of the elevation the ice sometimes remains on the lake until July. The great fishing opportunities for Arctic grayling, lake trout and burbot and the simple beauty of this alpine campground continue to bring people back to the area year after year. The campground at Fielding Lake is located two miles west of the Richardson Highway at mile 200.5, 65 miles south of Delta Junction.
Special Projects: As arranged
Amenities: Subsistence payment, frame cabin
Season: 7-8 weeks min. commitment, 5/21-7/13 and/or 7/13-9/8 *Contact:* Maureen Gardner – Delta

MAT-SU/COPPER BASIN AREA
HC 32 Box 6706, Wasilla AK 99654
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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.
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 John Wilber
email: john.wilber@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 Park, 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 John Wilber
email: john.wilber@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.
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 John Wilber
email: john.wilber@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 in the community of 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, and assisting with campground maintenance.
Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, electric RV hookup, phone (hard line), and the use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.
Season: 6 week minimum, 5/15 - 9/6 *Contact:* Ranger Keith Wilson
email: keith.wilson@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, in the community of Willow (67 miles from Anchorage, 30 miles north of Wasilla). Several lakes are accessible from the Parkway, as is the canoe trail system.
Special Projects: Firewood and decal sales and assisting with campground maintenance.
Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost and the 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 in the community of Willow, 70 miles north of Anchorage, 33 miles north of Wasilla.
Special Projects: Firewood and decal sales. Visitor contact, campground maintenance, light janitorial, and assisting with staffing entrance station on peak use weekends.
Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, and the 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. Willow Creek is known for excellent king salmon fishing as well as other fish species. Located 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, and assisting with staffing entrance station on peak use weekends.
Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, and the 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 28 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/laundry, 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: dnr.pkskenai@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 Jacqui Erion

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.
Special Projects: As arranged.
Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, electrical hookup at boat launch area, all services located nearby in Sterling.
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.
Special Projects: As arranged.
Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, electrical hookup, water on-site, storage cabin.
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 Icefields. 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.
Special Projects: 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, holding tank, all services available in Soldonta
Season: May 15 - September 1 *Contact:* Ranger Jacqui Erion

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 Jacqui Erion

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, holding tank, all services available in Soldotna.
Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15 *Contact:* Ranger Jacqui Erion

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 Jacqui Erion

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, holding tank, shower and laundry facilities available at park office. All services available in Ninilchik.
Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15 *Contact:* Ranger Jacqui Erion

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 Jacqui Erion

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 Jacqui Erion

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 Jacqui Erion

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KODIAK AREA
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Buskin River State Recreation Site
Located 4 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, Steelhead, and Dolly Varden trout.
Special Projects: Provide visitor information and assistance, monitor camping fee program, manage firewood sales, perform light maintenance of rest rooms and campsites. Litter pickup of campground, park roads and trails, keep Park Ranger advised of activity in park.
Amenities: Subsistence allowance, electricity, pressurized (cold) water, dump station, close proximity to town/full services. Uniforms will be provided.
Season: 3-4 months, 5/15-9/15. *Contact:* Ranger Jennifer Culbertson

Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park
Located 4 miles northeast of the town of Kodiak, this 13-site campground is located among the remnants of a WWII installation. Magnificent old-growth Sitka Spruce trees, miles of foot trails, and rocky coastal bluffs make this a premiere destination point for both locals and visitors.
Special Projects: Provide visitor information and assistance, monitor camping fee program, manage firewood sales, perform light maintenance of rest rooms and campsites, Litter pickup of campground,

park roads and trails, assist in operation of Kodiak Military History Museum, keep Park Ranger advised of activity in park.
Amenities: Subsistence allowance, electricity, use of Visitor Center facilities, close proximity to town/full services. Uniforms will be provided.
Season: 3-4 months, 6/1 – 9/15. *Contact:* Ranger Jennifer Culbertson

Pasagshak River State Recreation Site
Located at the mouth of the Pasagshak River, 40 miles from the town of Kodiak is the small, but picturesque Pasagshak River State Recreation Site. The river has excellent fishing for three species of Pacific salmon.
Special Projects: Provide visitor information and assistance, maintain campground. Keep daily log of campground use and park visitation. Infrequent park staff contact due to distance from main office; must be able to work independently.
Amenities: Subsistence allowance, electricity, cell phone. Uniforms will be provided.
Season: 3-4 months, 6/1 – 9/15 and holidays. *Contact:* Ranger Jennifer Culbertson

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CHUGACH/ANCHORAGE AREA
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CHUGACH STATE PARK
The following host positions are all located within Chugach State Park. The half million acres of Chugach 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.

Hillside Area Park Host
The Anchorage Hillside park host services four major Chugach State Park trailhead accesses. This position is ideal for an active outdoors person who enjoys hiking, biking, nature study and wildlife viewing in rugged terrain. Host duties include litter pickup, latrine maintenance, light trail maintenance, visitor contact and information, and occasional special projects. This position requires a person who can work with minimal supervision, exercise good judgment and maintain a high standard for park maintenance.
The host needs an RV or trailer, and must be willing to live with water from a tank, electricity from a generator, pump-out septic service, and visitors walking past the host site en route to the trails. Weather is variable, with temperatures ranging from the 50's to 70s in the summer, with rain or sun equally likely. Park visitors are often active day and night due to our long daylight hours. Use patterns range from mountain biking, hiking, horse riding, mountaineering, running, wildlife photography, dog walking, view seeking and many others uses.
Glen Alps, the premier high-country access, is one of the busiest sites in the state parks system, with thousands of visitors weekly. It requires daily maintenance and offer tremendous opportunity for vistas, wildlife viewing, mountain and alpine valley trail access.
Prospect Height and Potter Trailhead draw fewer visitors and require twice-weekly service. These trailheads are located at lower elevations. The area is noted for abundant wildlife and great views.

Upper Huffman is a gated trailhead that sees mostly local use, and is the host home site location. The site is a 20 minute drive from shopping and other city services. Enjoy tremendous views of Cook Inlet and the Chugach, Chigmit, Talkeetna and the Alaska mountain ranges.
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 and gas for generator.
Season: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30, entire season desired. *Contact*: Ranger Tom Crockett

Bird Creek Campground
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 service, 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
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 service, 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: Expense allowance, phone, electricity, water, and septic.
Season: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30, entire season desired. *Contact:* Ranger Tom Crockett

Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge: Potter Marsh
This 32,467 acre state wildlife refuge cradles the southern and western edge of the City of Anchorage and protects a variety of habitats including tidelands, coastal and freshwater marshes, small ponds and streams, and uplands forests. Over 130 species of birds, 20 species of mammals, 5 species of Pacific salmon and other wildlife are found in the refuge. Potter Marsh, a 520 acre freshwater marsh, is the most accessible and popular area of the refuge and contains several day-use wildlife viewing sites including a half-mile of elevated boardwalks, viewing decks, spotting scopes and interpretive panels. The marsh provides habitat for shorebirds, waterfowl, bald eagles, moose, brown and black bears, beavers, muskrats, spawning salmon and many other species.
Special Projects: Overall supervision of visitor use sites, greet visitors in an informal setting on boardwalks and viewing sites, provide information and answer questions, litter pickup, empty trash, clean and restock restrooms, and provide general security at primary access site. Optional duties for interested hosts to include staffing wildlife viewing sites, leading wildlife viewing walks, and/or other naturalist duties.
Amenities: RV/Trailer host parking area, wastewater holding tank, expense allowance, cell phone.
Season: Early-May through Mid-September, entire season preferred.
Contact: Joe Meehan; Alaska Department of Fish and Game;
333 Raspberry Road; Anchorage, Alaska 99518
Ph: (907) 267-2281; fax: (907) 267-2344
email: joe.meehan@alaska.gov
website: www.wildlife.alaska.gov (follow links for "Refuges and Sanctuaries")

Eklutna Lake Campground (2 host positions)
This 50-unit campground also has an 8-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, paddle 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; 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. Applications must be received prior to February 1st.
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
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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

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

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

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.

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 is available for most field projects. Transportation from Anchorage to project areas provided. Participants may be required to provide personal tents and sleeping bags for some projects.

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

Send Application to: Alan DePew, Archaeologist

Alaska State Parks - OHA	email: alan.depew@alaska.gov
550 W. 7th Street, Suite 1310	phone: (907) 269-8713
Anchorage, AK 99501	fax: (907) 269-8908

BACKCOUNTRY RANGER ASSISTANT (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: SHUYAK ISLAND STATE PARK
This remote wilderness park, 54 air miles north of Kodiak, is accessible only by boat or plane. The park/island is 11 miles in diameter, and is comprised of 49,000 acres of coastal rain forest and numerous protected bays and inlets. Favorite recreation activities include sea kayaking, 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 l - September l. 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	email: dnr.pkskodiak@alaska.gov
1400 Abercrombie Drive	phone: (907) 486-6339
Kodiak, AK 99615	fax: (907) 486-3320

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. Located in the community of Willow, with a population of over 1,600. 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 and 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 the emergency contact for backcountry users. Volunteers will perform routine maintenance of public use cabins and assist other staff with trail projects as needed. They will also serve as a contact for the private property owners in the area.

Required Skills: Public relations skills, canoe/small boat experience, light maintenance skills, and the ability to work independently. Applicants must be able to live in a primitive setting.

Desired Skills: Education/experience in resource and/or recreation management, carpentry skills, and ability/experience using 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. A monthly subsistence payment is available with a 60-day commitment to the positions. 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. Positions can remain open as long as May 15 to September 30 unless weather or other events prohibit longer durations.

Note: Application must include resume. Applications are accepted until March 15.

Send Application to: Ranger Keith Wilson
Alaska State Parks – Mat-Su/CB
HC 32 Box 6706 phone: (907) 495-6211 or 745-3975
Wasilla, AK 99688 fax: (907) 495-6671 or 745-0938

Or

Ranger Keith Wilson
P.O. Box 10
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: Field experience only, not an intern position.

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 State Parks	email: joseph.mccullough@alaska.gov
Office of Boating Safety	phone: (907) 269-8704
550 W. Seventh Avenue, Suite 1380	fax: (907) 269-8907
Anchorage, AK 99501	

MUSEUM ASSISTANT (l 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	email: paul.zahasky@alaska.gov
400 Willoughby Ave.	phone: 907-465-4563
P.O. Box 111071	fax: 907-465-5330
Juneau, Alaska 99811-1071	

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 remote parks: one on Shuyak Island and one on Afognak Island. Fort 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. 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/WWII history topics. Record a weekly column for the local public radio station. Publicize all arranged park events via radio, email, fax and flyers. 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 one year 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 and desktop publishing; physically able to hike fair distances and an enthusiasm for the outdoors. Applicants are required to submit a writing sample with their application to be considered for this position.

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, gas stove and propane refrigerator/freezer. A 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 18 through Labor Day.

Send Application to: Administrative Assistant II, Lisa Thomsen.

Alaska State Parks – Kodiak	phone: (907) 486-6339
1400 Abercrombie Dr	fax: (907) 486-3320
Kodiak, AK 99615	email: kodiakstateparks@alaska.gov

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	email: mary.kowalczyk@alaska.gov
9883 N. Tongass Hwy.	phone: (907) 247-8574
Ketchikan, AK 99901	fax: (907) 247-8573

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (Up to 5 positions)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK – EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER
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lynx, bald and golden eagles and all five species of salmon. Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park.
Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, rafting, mountain biking and horseback riding. With mountains rising almost 7,000 feet in elevation just above the Nature Center, it's no wonder that Walter Mendenhall called the Eagle River Valley a "miniature Yosemite". Yet, the Nature Center is just a short 45-minute drive from Anchorage. The Nature Center is the trailhead to 26 miles of the most scenic miles of the Historic Iditarod/Crow Pass Trail. The trail system also includes a short ¾ mile interpretive trail (Rodak Nature Trail); a 3-mile loop trail that takes you to the shores of the glacially-fed Eagle River; and a backcountry trail that takes you above the valley to Dew Lake.
Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. assumed management of the Nature Center in 1996 from Chugach State Park. The organization is a 501(c) (3) non-profit dedicated to serving the community with educational and recreational programs, maintaining and improving the surrounding trails, protecting and restoring habitat, and providing visitors with information about the area and park.
The *Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc.* raises funds through memberships, donations, parking fees, fundraisers, corporate contributions, grants, facility use fees, gift shop sales and group instruction.

Main Tasks: Provide indoor information services, plus manage gift sales and membership sales. Take public-use cabin and yurt reservations. Lead daily 2-hour guided nature walks. Light maintenance, including watering flowers, letter pickup, 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; good communicator; 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 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

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 VETERAN'S 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 John Wilber

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB	email: john.wilber@alaska.gov
HC32 Box 6706	phone: (907) 495-6210
Wasilla, AK 99654	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 tree line 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 area 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 provided accommodations.

Time Commitment: May 15-September 15.

Send Application to: Park Specialist Trish Herrmann

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB	email: trish.herrmann@alaska.gov
HC 32, Box 6706	phone: (907) 745-8907
Wasilla, AK 99654	fax: (907) 745-0938

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: FAIRBANKS ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER (FAPLIC)
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. Located in the sunny "Golden Heart City" of Fairbanks in Interior Alaska, our center offers self-guided trip planning stations, children's' exploration station, daily film showings and museum exhibits that interpret the natural, cultural and historical resources of Alaska's public lands, and houses a bookstore operated by the non-profit Alaska Geographic Association. 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.

Main Tasks: Volunteer/interns work together with staff providing trip planning assistance and interpretive materials to visitors primarily at information desk and throughout museum, and assisting with sales inventory of cooperating association. 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, organizational, and 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.

Applications accepted only after October 1st, 2008.

Send Application to: Adia Cotter, Information Assistant

Alaska Public Lands Information Center	email: Adia_Cotter@nps.gov
101 Dunkel St.	phone: (907) 456-0527
Fairbanks, AK 99701	fax: (907) 456-0514

NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER (1-2 positions)

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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	email: chris_smith@nps.gov
605 W. 4th Avenue, #105	phone: (907) 271-2740
Anchorage, Alaska 99501	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). Housing inside Nature Center or two-room cabin with a wood stove, but 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

Eagle River Nature Center	email: info@ernc.org
32750 Eagle River Rd	phone: (907) 694-2108
Eagle River, AK 99577	fax: (907) 694-2119
	Web address: www.ernc.org

PARK CARETAKER (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, and basic mechanical knowledge. 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. Accommodations available, RV's preferred. 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. No pets permitted.

Time Commitment: May 15 - September 15.

Send Application to: Park Specialist Trish Herrmann

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB	email: trish.herrmann@alaska.gov
HC 32, Box 6706	phone: (907) 745-8907
Wasilla, AK 99654	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 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 biking 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	email: norma.sizemore@alaska.gov
HC 52, Box 8999	phone: (907) 345-5014
Indian, AK 99540	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 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	email: tom.crockett@alaska.gov
HC 52, Box 8999	phone: (907) 345-5014
Indian, AK 99540	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, 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: 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: dnr.pkskenai@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	email: james.bunting@alaska.gov
3803 Halibut Point Rd.	phone: (907) 747-6249
Sitka, AK 99835	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 (1-2 positions)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK - EKLUTNA LAKE & NORTHERN 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 visitors to inform and educate them of park rules and regulations. Ranger assistant may be lead person for volunteer groups and will assist visitor services, maintenance, litter pickup and janitorial services 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, 2 twin beds, 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 mid May through June 1 for a minimum of 10 weeks.

Note: For this position, applications must be received prior to February 1st.

Send Application to: Ranger Preston Kroes

Alaska State Parks – Chugach	email: preston.kroes@alaska.gov
HC 52, Box 8999	phone: (907) 688-0908 or 345-5014
Indian, AK 99540	fax: (907) 688-0908

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. Preparing and presenting 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 Jacqui Erion

Alaska State Parks - Kenai/PWS	email: dnr.pkskenai@alaska.gov
PO Box 1247	phone: (907) 262-5581
Soldotna, AK 99669	fax: (907) 262-3717

RANGER ASSISTANT (1 - 2 positions)

Park/Area: NINILCHIK AND DEEP CREEK STATE RECREATION AREAS.
This ranger assistant position is located at the Ninilchik Ranger Station and assists with maintaining the state park facilities near Ninilchik. Ninilchik is a community of 800 people located on the western Kenai Peninsula. Local residents and visitors are drawn to this area because of the outstanding recreation opportunities in this area. Freshwater fishing in the Ninilchik River and Deep Creek provide access to some of the best roadside salmon fishing areas in Alaska. The beaches at Ninilchik offer outstanding razor clam digging opportunities and the proximity to Cook Inlet offers fantastic saltwater fishing for halibut and salmon.

Special Projects: Replace and construct picnic tables. Paint park buildings. Repair and improve campground sites. Repair and install park signs. Repair lawn mowers and brush cutters.

Amenities: Subsistence payment, electricity and water, shower and laundry facilities available at park office. Other services available in Ninilchik.

Time Commitment: 2 - 4 months starting May 15.

Send Application to: Ranger Jacqui Erion

Alaska State Parks - Kenai/PWS	email: dnr.pkskenai@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	email: james.bunting@alaska.gov
3803 Halibut Point Rd	phone: (907) 747-6249
Sitka, AK 99835	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 three state recreation sites, two 640 acre state recreation areas, and one state historical park.
-At Quartz Lake State Recreation Area, recreational opportunities abound. Whether you enjoy the feel of a 20 inch rainbow trout on the line, the breathtaking view after a hike to Bluff Point, or sitting around the campfire with friends, these opportunities and more are available.
-Big Delta State Historical Park, through its tremendous historic buildings and displays, gives visitors an opportunity to take a walk back in time. The historic district was an important crossroad for travelers, traders, and the military during the early days of the 20th century.
-Clearwater State Recreation Site is a beautiful little campground which lies tucked beside a crystal clear river offering a peaceful place to visit. Besides the excellent fishing opportunity for Arctic Grayling, many people enjoy the opportunity to float the Delta-Clearwater River.
-Delta State Recreation Site gives visitors a wilderness feel but keeps them conveniently close to town. Directly across the highway from the recreation site lies the Delta River allowing for some spectacular views of the Alaska Range beyond which remains snow covered year round.
-Donnelly Creek State Recreation Site offers a peaceful setting with views of some of the tallest peaks of the Alaska Range. There is a great opportunity here to examine alpine plant life, along with good wildlife viewing opportunities.
-Fielding Lake State Recreation Area is at an elevation of 2,973 feet in the Alaska Range. Because of the elevation, the ice sometimes remains on the lake until July. The site offers great fishing opportunities for Arctic grayling, lake trout and burbot.

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.

Required Skills: Ranger Assistants must have the ability to work effectively with other volunteers and the public and have an interest in natural resource related subjects. They must be comfortable with living in a primitive setting. They must be able to operate basic trail clearing tools, maintenance tools, chainsaws, and brush cutters, given proper training. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license.

Desired Skills: Public speaking ability and construction skills are desired.

Allowance/Housing: A rustic cabin is provided. There is no electricity or running water at the cabin. Subsistence payment of $150 twice monthly is given. Transportation is provided within the district and limited transportation in the region. Shower facilities are available at the Delta Parks office.

Internship: As an intern, your experience will be closely supervised and unique school requirements will be complied with.

Time Commitment: 8 weeks minimum, preference given to longer commitments, May 16 – Sept. 4.

Send Application to: Park Specialist Maureen Gardner

Alaska State Parks - Northern	email: maureen.gardner@alaska.gov
P.O. Box 318	phone: (907) 895-4599
Delta Jct., AK 99737	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, litter pickup, 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	email: mike.moore@alaska.gov
3700 Airport Way	phone: (907) 451-2655
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613	fax: (907) 451-2754

RANGER ASSISTANT (2 positions)

Park/Area: MILE 33 MAINTENANCE AREA – CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA
This facility is located at 33-mile Chena Hot Springs Road. These positions involve 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 Mike Moore

Alaska State Parks – Northern	email: mike.moore@alaska.gov
3700 Airport Way	phone: (907) 451-2653
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613	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 Jacqui Erion

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

email: dnr.pkskenai@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

Alaska State Parks	email: dnr.pkskenai@alaska.gov
Kachemak Bay District	phone: (907) 235-7024
PO Box 1247	or 262-5581
Soldotna, AK 99669	fax: (907) 262-3717

TRAIL CREW (2 positions)

Park/Area: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA
Nancy Lake State Recreation Area is located in Southcentral Alaska, 67 miles north of Anchorage. Located in the community of Willow, with a population of about 1,650, Nancy Lake SRA is 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, experience in backcountry conditions, and carpentry skills. Applicants with a valid license to drive are preferred.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment with a minimum 60 day commitment. Housing is provided in a cabin located near the rear of the ranger station.

Time Commitment: Two months (sixty days) minimum, at least June 15 - August 15. Positions can remain open as long as May 15 to September 15 unless weather or other events prohibit longer durations.

Note: Applications must include a resume. Applications should be received by March 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Keith Wilson

Alaska State Park – Mat-Su/CB	email: keith.wilson@alaska.gov
HC 32 Box 6706	phone: (907) 495-6211
Wasilla, AK 99654	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 by 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 John Wilber

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB	email: john.wilber@alaska.gov
HC32 Box 6706	phone: (907) 495-6210
Wasilla, AK 99654	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 litter pickup.

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 Mike Moore

Alaska State Parks – Northern	email: mike.moore@alaska.gov
3700 Airport Way	phone: (907) 451-2653
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613	fax: (907) 451-2754

WINTER CARETAKER (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 if interested.

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, comfortable with using snow machinery 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: Application requirements: short 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.

Send Application to: Asta Spurgis, Director

Eagle River Nature Center	email: info@ernc.org
32750 Eagle River Road	phone: (907) 694-2108
Eagle River, AK 99577	fax: (907) 694-2119

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1-2 position)

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	email: james.bunting@alaska.gov
3803 Halibut Point Rd.	phone: (907) 747-6249
Sitka, AK 99835	fax: (907) 747-3007

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: ALASKA CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE
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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	email: joel.telford@alaska.gov
P.O. Box 430	phone: (907) 766-2292
Haines, AK 99827	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	email: james.bunting@alaska.gov
3803 Halibut Point Rd.	phone: (907) 747-6249
Sitka, AK 99835	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	email: mary.kowalczyk@alaska.gov
9883 N Tongass Hwy.	phone: (907) 247-8574
Ketchikan, AK 99901	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	email: norma.sizemore@alaska.gov
HC 52 Box 8999	phone: (907) 345-5014
Indian, AK 99540	fax: (907) 345-6982

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK - EKLUTNA LAKE RECREATION AREA
The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon. Anchorage is next door to this amazing wilderness; residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. The Eklutna Lake facility is located about 36 miles north of Anchorage at the west end of the 8-mile long Eklutna Lake. Recreational opportunities include camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, climbing, boating, hunting, fishing, ATV riding, skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and wildlife viewing.

Main Tasks: Live at Eklutna Lake to help deter criminal mischief and vandalism of facilities; 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, work 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 driver's 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, 2 twin beds, dresser, couch, television with 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	email: preston.kroes@alaska.gov
HC 52 Box 8999	phone: (907) 688-0908 or (907) 345-5014
Eagle River, AK 99577	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 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: 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

Alaska State Parks – Chugach	email: tom.crockett@alaska.gov
HC 52 Box 8999	phone: (907) 345-5014
Indian, AK 99540	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 the 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: Primarily assisting Rangers on snowmobile patrols. Possible small workshop 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	email: kymberly.miller@alaska.gov
HC32 Box 6706	phone: (907) 745-3975
Wasilla, AK 99654	fax: (907) 745-0938

WINTER PARK CARETAKER (1 position)

Park/Area: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA
This position also includes other nearby park units. Nancy Lake State Recreation Area is located in Southcentral Alaska, 67 miles north of Anchorage. Located in the community of Willow. 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 in patrolling the area's remote lakes. Assistants will also help perform routine maintenance of snow machines and tools.

Special Projects: Collect backcountry use data.

Required Skills: Ability to safely operate hand and power tools, good physical condition, and ability to work in a winter environment.

Desired Skills: Carpentry and maintenance skills are helpful. Snow machine experience is suggested but not required. Applicants should be able to work independently.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment available. Housing is provided in a cabin near the rear of the ranger station. Shower and toilet facilities are provided in a neighboring building as well as the ranger station. Some winter gear, snowshoes, snowmachine, and portable radio provided.

Time Commitment: Two months (sixty days) minimum, September 30 - April 15

Application must include a resume. Application deadline of September 30, instead of April 1.

Send Application to: Ranger Keith Wilson

Alaska State Park – Mat-Su/CB	email: keith.wilson@alaska.gov
HC 32 Box 6706	phone: (907) 495-6211
Wasilla, AK 99654	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 acres. 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 John Wilber

Alaska State Parks - Mat-Su/CB	email: john.wilber@alaska.gov
HC32 Box 6706	phone: (907) 355-7772 or (907) 745-3975
Wasilla, AK 99654	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 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; ability to live in rustic accommodations; good public relations skills; able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

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 – March 30

Send Application to: Ranger Mike Moore

Alaska State Parks – Northern	email: mike.moore@alaska.gov
3700 Airport Way	phone: (907) 451-2653
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4613	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). Beginning the winter of 2008-09, a log cabin will be available for public reservation within site 6 of Starrigavan. This cabin will be the main focus for this winter host position. These added duties include being responsible for light

maintenance (and repair) and monitoring of the cabin, checking persons in and out on a near daily basis, and posting reservations for the cabin. 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: ATTN: Sandy Russell, Starrigavan Recreation Area Manager

USDA Forest Service, Sitka Ranger District	Email: r10_sitka _rd@fs.fed.us
204 Siginaka Way	phone: (907) 747-4216
Sitka, AK 99835	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

1) _____

2)_____

3)_____

Other volunteer experience_____

Outdoor interests, hobbies or special training and skills_____

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

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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

Alaska State Parks Supplemental Application

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

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

Title of program/course_____

Description of program/course _____

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Description of internship requirements _____

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Description of supervision requirements and reports _____

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Name and address
of university _____

Name of supervising professor _____ ph (_____)_____

College transcript - attached _____ to follow _____

Additional information about your college program _____

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

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

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Describe your health and level of fitness _____

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First Aid Training (indicate highest level of certification) _____

CPR Certification? _____ Expiration date_____

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