



NYC Parks

CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION

SEASONAL JOB VACANCY NOTICE: Job ID No. 716998

Office Title: Urban Park Ranger
Civil Service Title: Urban Park Ranger
Number of Positions: 25

Duration: Summer 2025 to June 30, 2026
Salary: \$27.29/hour – 40 hours per week
Work Location: Citywide

NYC Parks is the steward of more than 30,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City.

The Urban Parks Rangers' (UPR) mission is to link New Yorkers to the natural world through environmental education, outdoor recreation, wildlife management and active conservation.

Employees who work for 6 months or longer are eligible for healthcare benefits. All seasonal employees earn sick and annual leave. All employees receive free membership to our recreation centers.

Major Responsibilities

- Under supervision, lead educational and recreation-based programs for school children, summer camps and adults in natural areas throughout the city.
- Lead projects that support wildlife, preserve the urban natural world and promote stewardship of parks and natural resources.
- Lead current programming which includes canoeing, hiking, seining, fishing, biking, historical tours as well as educational programming.
- Staff nature centers, greet visitors and disseminate information regarding Parks Rules & Regulations, health & safety hazards and park events to the public.
- Patrol parks and natural areas, provide a uniform presence and enforce Parks Rules & Regulations.
- Provide first aid and emergency response to park patrons.
- Issue summonses for the violation of Parks Rules & Regulations; may detain or arrest violators of city and state laws.
- May be assigned to work in any borough.

Qualification Requirements

1. An associate degree or completion of 60 college-level semester credits from an accredited college or university, accredited by regional, national, professional or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Educational Accreditation (CHEA); or
2. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization and one year of full-time satisfactory experience in one of the following: law or code enforcement; security; ecology; or as an environmental instructor or ranger in a recognized park, recreation or ranger program, cultural institution or accredited school; or
3. A satisfactory combination of education and experience that is equivalent to "1" or "2" above. College education may be substituted for the required experience in "2" above on the basis of 5 semester credits for 1 month of experience. Experience working as a clerk or secretary is not acceptable. At the time of appointment, candidates must qualify for deputization as Special Patrolman by the New York City Police Department. Such individuals must be of good moral character, have U.S. citizenship, be at least 21 years of age, and have no record of conviction for any felony or for any serious offense against public safety as defined in New York State Penal Law.

Special Patrolman Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must meet the following qualifications for Special Patrolman status (a status given by the New York City Police Department pursuant to Title 38, Chapter 13 of the Rules of the City of New York): must be twenty-one years of age or older; a citizen of the United States; a resident of New York City; have no record of convictions for any felony or for any serious offense against public safety (as defined in the New York State Penal Law); if discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable; and be of good moral character.

Driver License Requirement: By the time you are appointed to this position, you must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. If you have moving violations, license suspension(s) or an accident record, you may be disqualified. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

Medical Requirement: Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Urban Park Ranger. Candidates will be examined to determine whether they can perform the essential functions of the position of Urban Park Ranger. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take the examination, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Residency in New York City, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, Putnam or Westchester counties required for employees with over two years of city service. New York City residency required within 90 days of hire for all other candidates.

Other Requirements

1. Able to work any shift, including weekends and holidays.
2. Able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather; able to walk and/or stand in an assigned area; able to drive or sit in a patrol vehicle while remaining alert.

Fees: Hired candidates will be subject to a processing fee of \$68.00. Hired candidates not currently employed by the City will be subject to an \$89.25 background check fee.

Preferred Skills/Qualifications

Preferred applicants have passed Urban Park Ranger Civil Service Exam No. 4109 or filed to take Exam No. 5139.

1. Bachelor's degree. 60 college credits in Education, Science, Wildlife, Forestry or a related field.
2. Excellent oral and written communication skills.

How to Apply

All Applicants

Click here to apply: [Urban Park Ranger](#) OR

Go to cityjobs.nyc.gov and search for Job ID# 716998.

All applicants must apply via cityjobs.nyc.gov. The City is no longer using ESS to accept applications.

***Current City Employees please include your ERN on your cover letter and resume.**

POST DATE: 06/17/2025

POST UNTIL: FILLED

NOTE: We appreciate the interest of all applicants. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. References will be required upon request.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF: (212) 504-4115

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