Alaska State Park Rangers are the front line field personnel for the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. They deter crime, promote public safety and protect public resources through presence and actions as a peace officer.

Rangers participate in the overall mission of the Division by providing public education and enforcing state laws pertaining to park lands and waters, Alaska’s fish, wildlife, criminal and traffic laws.

If you’re hardworking, honest and enjoy working outdoors, apply to become an Alaska State Park Ranger! Look for current job openings at http://jobs.alaska.gov/
Patrolling Alaska’s Parks is a big job!

25 commissioned officers oversee the largest state park system in the country with 156 park units totaling over 3.4 million acres of public land and water making this job one of the most unique in the nation.

Being a ranger requires a little bit of everything: law enforcement, resource management, planning, boating, foot patrols, supervision of staff, logistics and public relations. Rangers are called upon for emergency response to urgent public safety issues such as Search and Rescue missions and natural disaster response. Specialized training and equipment prepares Rangers for such incidents.
Alaska State Park Rangers attend the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy in Sitka. After academy graduation, they enter a practical Field Training and Evaluation Program in the community in which they will be stationed.

During field training Park Rangers may work in other areas of the state, train with experienced Rangers and ultimately gain valuable experience, insight and the fundamental skills for the position.

Visit the academy website to learn more.

https://dps.alaska.gov/AST/Recruit/Academy
Special Assignments

Rangers work across the state from the rolling hills of Interior Alaska to the rugged mountains of the Chugach. They assist in managing a variety of lands ranging from small urban parks to the largest state park in the nation!

Patrols often involve various means of travel including highway vehicles, watercraft, snowmachine, backcountry foot patrol, all-terrain vehicles and aircraft.

To learn more about state park units visit

http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/index.htm