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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 more than 150 volunteers for positions throughout Alaska. More than 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 opportunities, 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. Your time in Alaska State Parks will be an experience to remember!

Sincerely,

Ethan Tyler  
Director, Alaska State Parks

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



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# 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.

## 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.pkvol@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.pkvol@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.

Online applications are available at: <http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/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 for the following summer. 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 unless stated “No Pets” in the host positions.***

# 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 every two years and available 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](http://www.alaskastateparks.org) under the heading of "Volunteer". 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. All volunteer and internship positions are listed below by job area, title, and job description page number.

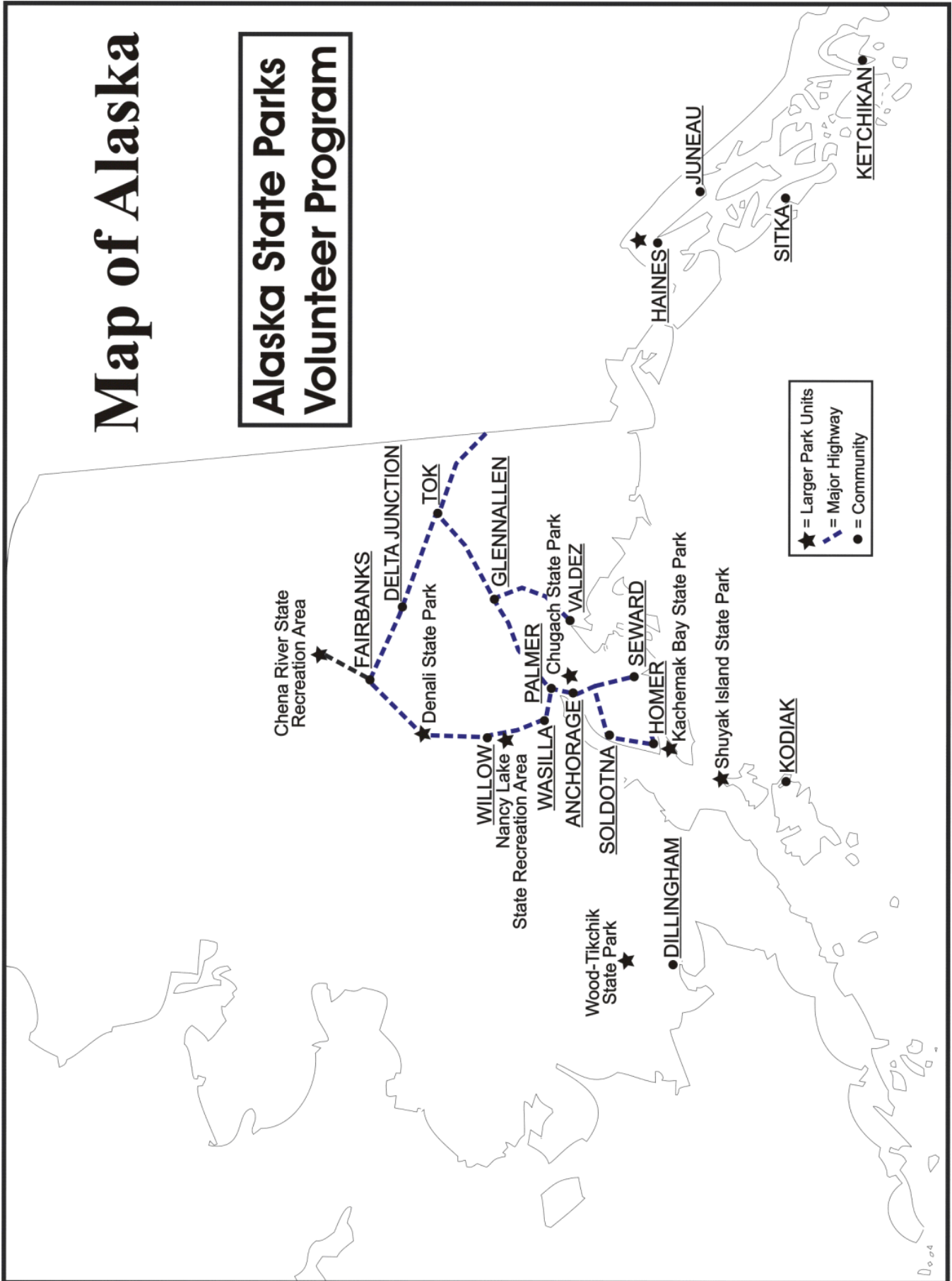
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*“Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”*  
*Anonymous*



# Map of Alaska

## Alaska State Parks Volunteer Program



# Campground Host Positions

## NORTHERN AREA

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**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.

Preference given for longer commitments.

*Contact:* Dane Happ

*E-mail:* [dane.happ@alaska.gov](mailto:dane.happ@alaska.gov)

### **Granite Tors Campground - Chena River State Recreation Area**

Granite Tors campground has 23 campsites and is located at mile 39.5 Chena Hot Springs Road, along a peaceful stretch of the Chena River. The Campground is dominated by large, old-growth white spruce trees that tower over the campsites. An active beaver pond can be found adjacent to the parking area along with the popular Granite Tors Trailhead. The campground and parking area sees moderate use on weekdays and can be quite busy on weekends.

Special Projects: Monitor the campground fee program, parking area use, 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: A rustic cabin was recently moved to this area and is being upgraded for use by summer campground hosts. The dry (no water) 12'x20' cabin has a woodstove, refrigerator, two burner propane cook top and a small bedroom. The campground host also receives a subsistence payment.

Season: 7-8 weeks minimum, late May to early September.

Preference given for longer commitments.

*Contact:* Dane Happ

*E-mail:* [dane.happ@alaska.gov](mailto:dane.happ@alaska.gov)

### **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.

Preference given for longer commitments.

*Contact:* Ian Thomas

*E-mail:* [ian.thomas@alaska.gov](mailto:ian.thomas@alaska.gov)

### **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; 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.

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.  
Preference given for longer commitments.

*Contact:* Ian Thomas

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### **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 includes 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 popular at this site.

Routine host projects: Monitor campground, boat launch and fee program; 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.  
Preference given for longer commitments.

*Contact:* Ian Thomas

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### **Olnes Pond – Lower Chatanika State Recreation Area**

This campground is located at mile 10.5 Elliott Hwy. It contains 15 campsites with low use on weekdays and moderate use on weekends.

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, and subsistence payment.

Season: 7-8 weeks minimum, late May to early September.  
Preference given for longer commitments.

*Contact:* Sam Braband

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### **Lower Chatanika State Recreation Area**

The Lower Chatanika State Recreation Area includes Olnes Pond and Whitefish, which are located at approximately 10.5 and 11 mile of the Elliot highway north of Fairbanks. Combined, this is a 400 acre recreation area with fishing access, camping, picnicking, boating, and ATV recreation. This is a very popular location for locals given its proximity to Fairbanks. Recreational boating, fishing, camping, and ATV activities make Lower Chat (especially Olnes) a busy park during the summer months.

Routine host duties/responsibilities: monitor campground; boat launch and fee program; assist with firewood sales; assist campers and day users, maintain campground (trash pickup, cleaning latrines, fire pits); and maintain visitor logs.

Amenities: subsistence payment. Hosts are required to have a motor home and transportation. No site amenities are provided.

Season: 7-8 weeks minimum, mid/late May through mid-September. *Contact:* Sam Braband

Preference given for longer commitments.

*E-mail:* samuel.braband@alaska.gov

### **Upper Chatanika State Recreation Site**

The Upper Chatanika State Recreation Site is located at mile 39 of the Steese Highway, north of Fairbanks. This site is popular for highway travelers and weekends campers from Fairbanks. It has approximately 25 campsites, four picnic sites, drinking water and latrines. There is a road to a gravel bar where visitors can camp, picnic, or fish. Canoes and rafts launch from here and enjoy an all-day float on the Chatanika River, ending at the Lower Chatanika State Recreational Area, mile 11 off the Elliott Highway.

*Routine host duties/responsibilities:* monitor campground and fee program; assist with firewood sales; assist campers and day users, maintain campground (trash pickup, cleaning latrines, fire pits); and maintain visitor logs.

*Amenities:* subsistence payment. Hosts are required to have a motor home and transportation. No site amenities are provided.

*Season:* 7-8 weeks minimum, mid/late May through mid-September. *Contact:* Sam Braband

Preference given for longer commitments.

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### **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.

*Duties:* 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.

*Duty Periods:* Six weeks of long weekends only (Saturday, Sunday and Monday): mid-May to late June, or late June to early August, or early August to mid-September.

*Contact:* Mark D. Ross, Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game  
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Fairbanks, AK 99701

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*Phone:* 907-459-7301  
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**MAT-SU/COPPER BASIN AREA**  
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### **Kesugi-Ken Campground – Denali State Park**

This brand-new campground opened in 2017 and facilities include a ranger station, 32 RV campsites, 10 tent campsites, a group campsite, two public-use cabins, a new hiking trail to alpine areas plus a network of trails for a range of abilities, and an interpretive center. Spectacular views of Denali. The facility is located 135.4 miles North of Anchorage along the George Parks Highway. An RV is preferred but Host Cabin may be available.

Special Projects: Visitor information and daily visitor counts, monitoring fee compliance, campground maintenance, and light janitorial.

Amenities: Subsistence payment. Centralized facility with laundry, and showers. RV Host site has full hook-ups, including water, electricity, and sewer.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Chris Love  
*E-mail:* [chris.love@alaska.gov](mailto:chris.love@alaska.gov)

### **Byers Lake Campground - Denali State Park**

This quiet, family oriented, 73-site campground is nestled on Byers Lake at the foot of Kesugi Ridge. The area offers spectacular views of Denali. It is located 147 miles north of Anchorage and 90 miles from Denali National Park entrance. The lake is a popular destination, known for its fishing, canoeing, and hiking. An RV is required. Dump station hookup only at host site, water available nearby

Special Projects: Visitor information and daily visitor counts, monitoring fee compliance, campground maintenance, assist in trail projects.

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Amenities: Subsistence payment. Centralized facility with laundry, and showers.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Chris Love  
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### **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 Denali. The site includes many interpretive panels detailing history, geology and other features of Denali and a spotting scope for mountain viewing. It is located about halfway between Anchorage and Fairbanks, along the Parks Highway. An RV is required. No hookups.

Special Projects: Visitor information and daily visit counts, monitoring fee compliance, campground maintenance, assist in trail projects.

Amenities: Subsistence payment. Centralized facility with laundry, and showers.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Chris Love  
*E-mail:* [chris.love@alaska.gov](mailto:chris.love@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 Denali and the Alaska Range. It is located on a bluff above the Chulitna River with the best view of Denali on the road system. An RV is required. Dump station at host site, no water or electricity.

Special Projects: Visitor information and daily visit counts, monitoring fee compliance, campground maintenance, assist in trail projects.

Amenities: Subsistence payment. Centralized facility with laundry, and showers.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Chris Love  
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### **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). Nancy Lake campground also has a picnic area and a boat launch.

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

Amenities: Subsistence payment, electric RV hookup, phone (hard line), and the use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Damon Hampel

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### **Finger Lake State Recreation Site**

This 24-site campground is located on the northeast shore of Finger Lake, a popular fishing and boating area located at 7278 East Bogard Road between Palmer and Wasilla. Finger Lake Campground also has two small group campsites, picnic area and a boat launch.

Special Projects: Firewood and decal sales, and assisting with campground and day-use operations and maintenance.

Amenities: Subsistence payment. Electric RV hookup, dump station.

Season: 5/15 - 9/15

*Contact:* Ranger Mario Pagni

*E-mail:* mario.pagni@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. 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 and the use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Damon Hampel

*E-mail:* damon.hampel@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 and the use of Nancy Lake office facilities.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Damon Hampel

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### **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 and the use of Nancy Lake Office facilities.

Season: 4 weeks minimum, 5/15 – 7/15

*Contact:* Ranger Damon Hampel

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### **Hatcher Pass Management Area**

Hatcher Pass Management Area includes three designated camping areas. A 4 site camping/picnic area at Government Peak with campsites, picnic tables, latrines and fire rings, a camping lot at Gold Mint trailhead with tables, fire-rings, latrines and well water and a no-amenity camping lot at the Fishhook Trailhead. Hatcher Pass and Independence Mine State Park boasts scenic vistas of the Talkeetna Range, high mountain

peaks and multiple glaciers. Activities include gold panning, berry picking, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding and world class spring skiing. Host duties include welcoming campers and day users to the area, collecting fees, assisting with day-to-day area operations and maintenance including mowing, brushing, litter and trash collection, janitorial maintenance of latrines, light repairs, painting, cleaning fire rings, assisting area Ranger with special projects and collecting visitor use counts.

There is one host position available (couples are welcome to apply). Location can be at either Government Peak (no hookups, no water), Goldmint Trailhead (well water, no hookups), or Independence Mine Visitor Center area (electric available, shared: showers, laundry, bathrooms available in the visitor center). The nearest dump station is in Palmer, approximately 25 miles.

For area information please visit: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/hatcherpass/hatcherpass.htm>

Season: 5/1 – 9/30, entire season desired (snow and weather dependent)

Special Projects: As assigned.

Amenities: \$500 monthly subsistence, dump, phone, radio, and use of state vehicle.

*Contact:* Ranger Mario Pagni

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### **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, uniform jackets/hats, and free camping.

Season: 5/15 - 9/15

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### **Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge (2 host positions)**

This 28,800 acre state wildlife refuge protects a variety of wildlife habitat including coastal and freshwater wetlands, tidal sloughs and mudflats, lakes and streams, as well as upland birch forests in upper Cook Inlet. The refuge is located just outside the community of Wasilla and is about 25 miles northeast of Anchorage. During spring, tens-of-thousands of migrating ducks, geese, swans, shorebirds and other birds stop in the refuge to refuel during their migration to their northern nesting grounds. Many species of water birds remain in the refuge for the summer to nest and raise their young. Nearly 160 species of birds have been documented in the refuge. Moose, black bears, coyotes, red fox, beaver, muskrats and eagles are common in the refuge. Popular activities include sport fishing, canoeing, bird watching, bird dog (retriever) training, waterfowl hunting and hiking. These positions are stationed at two popular access points: Cottonwood Creek (on the west edge of the refuge) and Reflections Lake (on the east edge of the refuge off the Glenn Highway National Scenic Byway).

Special Projects: Overall supervision of visitor use at undeveloped refuge access points. Greet visitors in an informal setting, provide information and answer questions, pick up litter, empty trash, light cleaning and restocking of restrooms, and provide general security.

Amenities: These are mostly undeveloped access points and no onsite utilities are available. RV or trailer (supplied by volunteer) must be self-contained. An RV/camper host parking site and public vault toilets are available. Subsistence payment, expense allowance and cell phone are provided. All amenities are available in Wasilla (7 miles from Cottonwood Creek, 11 miles from Reflections Lake).

Season: Cottonwood Creek: July through August; Reflections Lake: June through August.

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## **KENAI/PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA**

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### **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. Subsistence payment.

Season: 2 - 4 months, Starting 5/15

*Contact:* Ranger Jack Ransom

### **Bing's Landing Campground - Kenai River Special Management Area**

This forested campground is located on the Kenai River, above Naptown Rapids in Sterling. There is a State Parks boat launch near the campground. River and shore fishing for trout and salmon (kings, reds and silvers) is available.

Special Projects: Position requires daily maintenance of three latrines, monitor fee compliance, litter pickup and educating the public.

Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment and holding tank for septic. All services located nearby in Sterling.

Season: 3 months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Jacques Kosto

### **Bing's Landing Boat Launch - Kenai River Special Management Area**

This forested day use boat launch is located on the Kenai River, above Naptown Rapids in Sterling. There is a campground near the boat launch. River and shore fishing for trout and salmon (kings, reds and silvers) is available.

Special Projects: Position requires daily maintenance of three latrines, monitor fee compliance, litter pickup and educating the public.

Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, electrical hookup and holding tank of septic. All services located nearby in Sterling.

Season: 3 months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Jacques Kosto

### **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 is available. Fishing is good for sockeye and silver salmon and trout.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, electrical hookup, water on-site and storage cabin.

Season: 2-4 months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Melissa Smith

### **Izaak Walton Campground - Kenai River Special Management Area**

Located in Sterling, this 31 site campground sits at the confluence of the Moose and Kenai Rivers in a mature spruce forest. This historical site offers camping, day use facilities and a boat launch. Fishing is good for salmon and trout.

Special Projects: As arranged.

Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, electrical hookup, water on-site, all services located in Sterling.

Season: 2 - 4 months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Jacques Kosto



### **Morgan's Landing Campground - Kenai River Special Management Area**

High on a bluff overlooking the Kenai River, this park offers magnificent views of the Kenai Mountain Range. The campground has 39 sites and an over flow camping area. There are also walking trails and access to fishing on the Kenai River for salmon and trout.

Special Projects: Position requires daily maintenance of latrines, monitor fee compliance, litter pickup and educating the public.

Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, electrical hookup, water, sewer. Ranger station on-site.

Season: 2 - 4 months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Melissa Smith

### **Morgan's Landing Day Use Parking - Kenai River Special Management Area**

High on a bluff overlooking the Kenai River, this park offers magnificent views of the Kenai Mountain Range, and day use access. There are also walking trails and access to fishing on the Kenai River for salmon and trout.

Special Projects: Position requires daily maintenance of latrines, monitor fee compliance, litter pickup and educating the public. Maintenance of the Kenai and Prince William Sound office grounds and gardens.

Amenities: Free camping, subsistence payment, electrical hookup, water, sewer. Ranger station on-site.

Season: 2 - 4 months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Melissa Smith

### **Maintenance Host – Kenai River Special Management Area**

This position is based out of the Kenai River Ranger Station located in Sterling. This position assists with maintaining all of the state park facilities in the Kenai River Special Management Area. The Kenai River SMA is 105 miles long and consists of fifteen developed land based facilities. There are great local opportunities to catch red and silver salmon, as well as rainbow trout and Dolly Varden.

Special Projects: Replace and construct picnic tables. Paint park buildings, docks and walkways. Repair and improve campground sites. Repair and install park signs and fencing. Assist area host, monitor fee compliance, litter pickup and educate the public.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid (current) driver's license and clean driving record. Must possess a strong work ethic; able to work together with others; be in good physical condition and able to lift and carry tools and packs up to 35 lbs. in weight; working knowledge of basic hand and power tools.

Amenities: Trailer home that includes heat, electricity, water, laundry and shower, subsistence payment.

Season: 2 - 3months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Jacques Kosto

### **Cooper Landing Boat Launch – Kenai River Special Management Area**

This park unit is located on the upper Kenai River, at the outlet of Kenai Lake at Cooper Landing. 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 Jacques Kosto

### **The Pillars Boat Launch & Cabin Caretaker - Kenai River Special Management Area**

The Pillars is a day use facility, located on the lower Kenai River that provides day use parking, boat launch, boardwalk and latrines.

Special Projects: Position requires daily maintenance of three latrines, monitor fee compliance, litter pickup and educating the public.

Amenities: Small log cabin equipped with propane fridge, stove, and heat. Water on site, and subsistence payment.

Season: 3 months, Starting 6/1

*Contact:* Ranger Tom Anthony

### **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 Soldotna

Season: 2 - 4 months starting May 15

*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. 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. 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, power and dump 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 13 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 with direct trail 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

**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. 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 to access the world famous Cook Inlet 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

**Worthington Glacier State Recreation Site (managed by Levitation49)**

Worthington Glacier State Recreation Site is located in spectacular Thompson Pass, along the Richardson Highway near Valdez. The park is a popular stop for visitors traveling along the Richardson Highway and offers excellent viewing and access to Worthington Glacier. Facilities include interpretive panels, covered shelter, trails, parking lot, and restrooms.

Special Projects: Provide visitor information, facility cleaning, painting, brush clearing, and light maintenance.

Amenities: Holding tank at host site.

Season: 1-2 months starting June 1

*Contact:* Lee Hart, Levitation49

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**Blueberry Lake State Recreation Site (managed by Levitation49)**

This 15 unit campground is located in Thompson Pass near Valdez. An alpine lake is adjacent to the campground which offers spectacular views of mountains and the alpine.

Special Projects: Provide visitor information, facility cleaning, painting, brush clearing, and light maintenance.

Amenities: Holding tank at host site.

Season: 1-2 months starting June 1

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## **KODIAK AREA**

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### **Buskin River State Recreation Site**

Located approximately 4 miles southwest of the town of Kodiak, this 15-site campground is located along one of Kodiak's best sport fishing rivers. The Buskin River hosts four species of Pacific Salmon, Steelhead (catch and release only), and Dolly Varden trout for anglers, bears and eagles to catch. The park also has two public picnic pavilions, 5 latrines and an ADA fishing platform.

Host Duties: Provide visitor information and assistance, monitor camping fee program, keep daily log of campground use, manage firewood sales, and perform light maintenance/janitorial in restrooms and campsites. Pick up litter throughout the park, campground, park roads and trails, keep the park ranger and staff advised of activity in the park, and also special projects as assigned.

Amenities: Subsistence allowance, electricity, pressurized (cold) water, septic holding tank, close proximity to town and services. Host uniform will be provided.

Season: 4 months, 5/15-9/15, minimum ½ season required

*Contact:* Kodiak Area Office

### **Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park**

Located approximately 4 miles northeast of downtown Kodiak, this National Historic Landmark has 8 campsites, a group rec. area with a picnic pavilion, historic bunkers, and other remnants from WW II. Magnificent old-growth Sitka Spruce trees, miles of foot trails, Gertrude Lake and rocky coastal bluffs make this a premiere destination point for both locals and visitors.

Host Duties: Provide visitor information and assistance, monitor camping fee program, keep daily log of campground use, manage firewood sales, perform light maintenance/janitorial of rest rooms and campsites, litter pickup of campground, park roads and trails, keep the park ranger and staff advised of activity in the park, assist in operation of Kodiak Military History Museum and other projects as assigned.

Amenities: Subsistence allowance, electricity, water and septic holding tank, use of Visitor Center facilities, close proximity to town and services. Host uniform will be provided.

Season: 4 months, 5/15-9/15, minimum ½ season required.

*Contact:* Kodiak Area Office

### **Pasagshak River State Recreation Site**

Located at the mouth of the Pasagshak River on Ugak Bay approximately 40 miles south from the town of Kodiak, the river has excellent fishing for three species of Pacific salmon and Dolly Varden.

Host Duties: Provide visitor information and assistance, monitor and keep a daily log of camping and park use, manage firewood sales, and perform light maintenance/janitorial in restrooms and campsites. Pick up litter throughout the park, campground, park roads and trails, and projects as assigned. Due to distance from main office, must be able to work independently and keep the park ranger and staff advised of activity in the park.

Amenities: Subsistence allowance, electricity and septic holding tank and hand pump water well. Host uniform will be provided.

Season: 4 months, 5/15-9/15, minimum ½ season required.

*Contact:* Kodiak Area Office

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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.

#### Bird Creek Campground

Bird campground is located between the highway and picturesque Turnagain Arm, which is famous for its bore tides and its beluga whales. A mixed forest of birch and spruce surrounding the campground provides an attractive background for 24 camping sites. Nearby Bird Creek is a stocked salmon fishery managed by the Department of Fish and Game. Bird Campground is within easy travel distance of Anchorage.

Job Duties: Provide visitor information, daily visit counts, light maintenance, park watch, and daily campground management. 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: Subsistence allowance, phone, electricity (by generator), water, and dump.

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

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**Bird Creek Campground Overflow** The Overflow Campground is located above the highway with views of Turnagain Arm, which is famous for its Bore Tides and its beluga whales. It is well known for its quiet family atmosphere where 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.

Job Duties: Provides 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: Subsistence allowance, phone, electricity, water, and septic.

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

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#### McHugh Creek Day Use Area

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 tides 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. 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.

Job Duties: 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. Position offers great opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.

Amenities: Subsistence allowance, phone, electricity, water, and septic.

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

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**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. The area offers opportunities for hiking, biking, ATV'ing, horseback riding, paddle boating, and Dolly Varden fishing.

Job Duties: Host duties include welcoming campers and day users and acquainting them with the park area and facilities; informing visitors of the park regulations, policies and fee requirements; staffing an entrance fee station on the weekends and holidays. Assist the area park ranger and staff with the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the campground facilities. There are two positions, one for the main campground and one for the overflow campground.

Amenities: Subsistence allowance, electricity, phone, water, and dump. No pets permitted.

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

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### Chilkat State Park

Chilkat State Park is located approximately 8 miles south of downtown Haines and offers spectacular views of glaciers and mountains across Chilkat Inlet. The park offers 35 camp sites, 7 mile long Seduction Point Trail, good salt water fishing, wildlife viewing, and boat ramp.

Host Duties: welcome campers and day users to acquaint them with the park area and facility; informing visitors of the park regulations, policies, fee requirements, as well as local and statewide attractions; deter vandalism/criminal mischief; contact the appropriate law enforcement or EMS agency for emergencies; and inform the area ranger of any problems. Assist the area park staff with the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the area facilities including campground fee compliance, janitorial service of latrines, light repairs, painting, litter pickup, cleaning fire rings, with some documentation and office work.

Special Projects: Maintain trails/campground, monitor commercial operations, other duties as assigned.

Amenities: Subsistence payment. Host site (possible primitive cabin available) with no hook-ups provided. Services located 8 miles away in Haines.

Season: 5/15 - 9/15, 8 weeks minimum, full season preferred.

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### Chilkoot Lake State Recreation Site

This 32-site campground, picnic and boat launch 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. There is excellent freshwater fishing and abundant wildlife viewing.

Host Duties: Welcome campers and day users to acquaint them with the park area and facility; informing visitors of the park regulations, policies, fee requirements, as well as local and statewide attractions; Inform visitors of the importance of keeping a clean camp to deter bear activity; deter vandalism/criminal mischief; contact the appropriate law enforcement or EMS agency for emergencies; and inform the area ranger of any problems. Assist the area park staff with the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the area facilities including traffic control, janitorial service of latrines, light repairs, painting, litter pickup, cleaning fire rings, with some documentation and office work.

Special Projects: Maintain area facilities, monitor commercial operations, assist as a bear safety monitor, and other duties as assigned.

Amenities: Subsistence payment. Host site with beautiful scenery, no hook-ups provided. Services located 10 miles away in Haines.

Season: 5/25 - 10/15 or longer, 8 weeks minimum, full season preferred.

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### Settler's Cove State Recreation Site

Settler's Cove is a small 14 site campground, with a public use cabin 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-tailed deer, and several miles of forested trail to hike. Couples preferred.

Host Duties: Welcome campers and day users to acquaint them with the park area and facility; inform visitors of the park regulations, policies, fee requirements, as well as local and statewide attractions; Inform visitors of the importance of keeping a clean camp to deter bear activity; deter vandalism/criminal mischief; contact the Park Ranger or appropriate law enforcement or EMS agency for emergencies; and inform the area ranger of any problems. Assist the area park staff with the day-to-day operation and light maintenance of the area facilities including traffic control, occasional janitorial service of latrines, minor repairs, painting, litter pickup, and cleaning fire rings. Open/close the park entrance gate daily. Record licenses and monitor fee collection.

Special Projects: May assist, or provide interpretive/educational programs and/or special events authorized by staff. Assist with minor improvements as time and materials are available.

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 – 7/15, 7/16 – 9/30; and winter caretaker, 10/1 - 4/30 all winter preferred, but will split for 3.5 months each.

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### **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 clan house, 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.

Host Duties: Be available at the Visitor Information Center to meet and greet visitors arriving by personal vehicle or by city bus; provide park information and orientation. Provide assistance to visitors on other related recreational activities or services in the area as requested. Assist staff with garden and grounds maintenance; open and close the historic building (clan house) daily.

Special Projects: Provide a weekly guided tour of the park and assist with the Jr. Ranger Program. Assist staff in set up for special events.

Amenities: Subsistence payment which may include propane cost, use of office and phone, WiFi & electricity provided. Caretaker RV site is located next to the beach, facing the west with beautiful sunsets. 4 mile bike trail nearby. Services located in Ketchikan.

Season: 8 - 10 weeks preferred during period (1) 5/1 – 7/15, or period (2) 7/16 – 9/30

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### **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. This park unit has 16 primitive sites in the forested section of the park with several walk-in camping sites. Large beach and river bars offer excellent beachcombing and fishing. Whales, sea lions, and seals 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. Phone located at maintenance facility nearby.

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

*Contact:* Ranger Preston Kroes



# Other Volunteer & Volunteer Intern Positions

## THROUGHOUT THE STATE

### **BOATING SAFETY INSTRUCTOR**

#### **Park/Area: OFFICE OF BOATING SAFETY (1-10 Positions)**

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 programs 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: Alaska Water Wise course instructors must be a state-registered boating safety instructor. Training necessary for certification will be provided by the Office of Boating Safety.

Desired skills: Experience and interest in recreational boating. Good public speaking skills. Experience teaching children and adults.

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

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

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## ANCHORAGE

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSISTANT**

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

#### **(1-10 Positions)**

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.

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.

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## NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER

### **Park/Area: ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER (APLIC), in Anchorage (1-2 Positions)**

This interagency visitor center offers information, education and interpretive services regarding all public lands and facilities in the state of Alaska. While managed by the National Park Service, rangers, interns and volunteers at the Anchorage APLIC represent nine different federal and state agencies including Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Alaska Division of Commerce and Economic Development, 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. Staff members are trained to provide interpretive messages representing all of these agencies and the public land issues relevant to visitors and residents of the state. The Anchorage center offers a full range of informational brochures, maps and newspapers, free movies on a range of public land related topics, exhibits depicting the rich natural and cultural heritage of the 49th state, a host of education and interpretive programming, and an Alaska Geographic bookstore.

Main Tasks: Volunteers working in visitor services will be expected to staff the visitor center, with duties to include answering visitor questions, trip planning assistance, processing bookstore sales, restocking brochures, answering the center's information line, and other general office tasks.

Volunteers working within the education department will be expected to assist and/or take the lead in teaching established curricula to K-12 students in the local community. Programs include off-site, after school lessons, field trips at the center and a variety of public land locations, overnight experiential learning courses, and a number of other educational programs with partner agencies. Education assistants would also be responsible for the maintenance of educational kits.

Volunteers working as interpreters will be expected to research, write and present formal interpretive programs, including a historical walking tours through downtown Anchorage, a 45 minute illustrated programs (this year's themes are WWII on the Alaskan Front, subsistence, and Katmai National Park and Preserve), and multiple short talks and demonstrations. In addition, volunteers will provide informal interpretation while manning outdoor touch tables and participating in special events.

Required Skills: Specific qualifications will vary dependent on department, however all volunteers are expected to have the following skills: Exceptional customer service and communication skills, organized and able to work independently, ability to staff a duty station for up to 2 hours at a time and tolerance of inclement weather, proficient in the operation of basic office equipment and computer software, and willingness to wear the volunteer uniform as instructed

May be required to pass a federal background check

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: None provided. Must have own personal vehicle or arrange for transportation to and from the center.

Time Commitment: Varies dependent on duties.

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## **NORTHERN AREA**

### **PARK CARETAKER**

#### **Park/ Area: CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA - NORTHERN REGION**

##### **(1 Position)**

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

Main tasks: Assist with the operations of the Chena River State Recreation Area. Primary duties will include the care and maintenance of the 33 mile compound. This will include lawn mowing, brush cutting, basic carpentry and construction skills, organizational skills, cleaning and maintaining the buildings. Other duties as assigned.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; be physically fit, willing and able to perform manual labor work and maintain good public relations. Live closely with others in rustic accommodations.

Desired Skills: Maintenance skills, landscaping, and operation of hand & power tools and equipment.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment, rustic cabin provided with access to a common mess hall with a modern kitchen, with showers and laundry available.

Time Commitment: 8 to 10 weeks or more if desired.

#### **Send Application to: Dane Happ**

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### **PARK ASSISTANT**

#### **Park/ Area: FAIRBANKS AREA/CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA**

##### **(1 Position)**

This position will be based out of Fairbanks. The position is flexible and may work in one or both of these parks as needed. 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 including latrine cleaning &, litter pickup, other duties as assigned.

Special Projects: Assigned as needs come up.

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: An understanding of the operation and maintenance of power and hand tools, carpentry skills, and landscaping.

Internship: Encouraged, but not required. Supervisor will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment / Dry log cabin in Fairbanks equipped w/ a stove & fridge, but no running water. Facilities for showers & toilets in office building next door.

Time commitment: May 16 to Sept 9 – preference given to those who can commit to longer season, but shorter commitments will be considered.

#### **Send Application to: Ranger Dane Happ**

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

**(2 Positions)**

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, ranger station with complete amenities, shared with other volunteers.

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

**Send Application to:** Chief Ranger Ian Thomas  
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## WINTER PARK CARETAKER

### Park/Area: CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

#### (2 Positions)

This park unit is located 30 miles northeast of Fairbanks (pop. 32,000) and is a quarter 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 including backcountry 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, wood splitter, 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. Log cabin with power and access to phone and computer. No running water.

Time Commitment: November 1 – March 30

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## MAT-SU / COPPER BASIN

### NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER

#### **Park/Area: DENALI STATE PARK - ALASKA VETERAN'S MEMORIAL (4 Positions)**

Located centrally along the Parks Highway, this popular site includes a small visitor center with interpretive displays and visitor information. The center is operated by a non-profit group that supports State Park programs. 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 with 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 Chris Love

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#### **Park/Area: INDEPENDENCE MINE STATE HISTORICAL PARK/HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA (5 Positions)**

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. 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: Subsistence payment, space for two RV's, others will be provided accommodations. No pets permitted.

Time Commitment: May 15-September 15.

**Send Application to:** Ranger Mario Pagni

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## **PARK CARETAKER**

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

#### **(1 Position)**

Hatcher Pass is high above 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 1930's. Visitors to the park can enjoy a historic walking tour and beautiful alpine scenery. The area of responsibility includes the 48,000 acre Hatcher Pass East Management area, a mostly alpine, mountainous park.

Main Tasks: This person may reside in the apartment in the visitor center, or in their own RV, and is responsible for operating the diesel powered generator, and performing basic maintenance on many operating systems including the water and heating systems and radio phone. 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. Reporting and recording the daily weather conditions.

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.

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## TRAIL CREW/RANGER ASSISTANT

### Park/Area: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

#### (4 Positions)

Nancy Lake State Recreation Area is located in Southcentral Alaska, 67 miles north of Anchorage, 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.

Main Tasks: The Trail Crew/Ranger Assistant position rotates between front-country and backcountry duties. Maintain public use cabins and backcountry campsites. Contact backcountry visitors and private property owners. Collect visitor use and resource data. 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. Trail Crew/Ranger Assistant may also assist in some campground maintenance as needed. Summer access is by hiking trail, canoe trail, or floatplane.

Special Projects: Monitor backcountry visitor use; serve as the emergency contact for backcountry users. Trail Crew/Ranger Assistant 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, chain saw use and the ability to work independently. Applicants must be able to live in a primitive setting. Due to the remote nature of these assignments, couples are encouraged to apply.

Desired Skills: Education/experience in resource and/or recreation management, carpentry skills, and ability/experience using hand and power tools. Experience in backcountry conditions. Applicants with a valid driver's license preferred.

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 Ranger Station facilities and front country bunk space provided.

Work Schedule: One backcountry Trail Crew/Ranger Assistant cabin is located at **Red Shirt Lake**, the other at **Butterfly Lake**. Work schedule will likely be weekends at remote cabins (Red Shirt and Butterfly) with other 2 work days spent in the front country brushing, mowing, trails, etc.

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: Attached résumés are recommended. Applications should be received by March 15.**

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## WINTER PARK CARETAKER/RANGER ASSISTANT

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

#### (1 Position)

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 from 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: 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 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 on the upper floor of the parks visitor center, formerly the mine manager's house; must be flexible and adaptable with 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: 6 months, generally from mid-October until mid-April.

**Note: Applications will be accepted thru August 15.**

**Send Application to:** Ranger Mario Pagni

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## **WINTER PARK CARETAKER**

### **Park/Area: NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA (1 Position)**

This position also includes other nearby park units. Nancy Lake State Recreation Area is located in Southcentral Alaska, 67 miles north of Anchorage 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 Damon Hampel

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## KENAI/PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA

### RANGER STATION HOST/MAINTENANCE

#### **Park/Area: KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK**

##### **(1-2 Positions)**

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. Crew is transported via Park's 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 5 public use cabins, latrines, dock, campsites, boardwalks, and associated facilities. Will assist the public with questions and directions. May assist Park Ranger or Park Specialist 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 30lbs in weight; able to hike 6 miles on mountain trails; working knowledge of basic hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Good Public Relations Skills, serves as Ambassador to park visitors at the Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station and adjoining facilities. Strong maintenance skills; maintain gravity feed water system, hydroelectric/solar/wind power inverter system. Maintain latrines, dock and public use cabins in the general vicinity. Maintain area around station; brush cutting, sawyer work, carpentry skills. Provide visitor counts and other required information. Hike trails and perform some minor maintenance. Assist with ADFG stocking program for several days. Should have small boat operation skills, small skiff available for work related projects and recreational use within lagoon.

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. Preference given to Host 'Couple' who will work together, one stipend provided. Must be physically capable of steep climbs and long walks with up to forty-pound pack.

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 Homer, Alaska. Volunteers will have group use of a state vehicle while in Homer on restricted and limited basis for shopping and state business. However, if applicant has own RV or motorhome, it may be parked at one of our facilities for use when on days off and back in Homer.

Training Provided: One-two week orientation training includes basic policies and procedure, chainsaw/brush cutter operation and field maintenance, Bear and Wildlife Safety training including use of bear spray. Basic Emergency procedures. Some boating safety and boat operations.

Other Duties: Successful applicant will have time to pursue personal goals, such as art work, birding, wildlife study, ecological pursuits especially if such fits with Park Management goals and objectives or provides a service to the public and park management.

Time Commitment: Preference to applicants who can start May 16th through September 1 or later (depending on funding).

Schedule: Generally, once set up at Ranger Station, volunteer will work a Ten day on, four day off work schedule at 37.5 hours per week. This may vary as needed or required. Application should include the following: 1) completed state parks volunteer application form, 2) resume, and 3) Three References. Positions open until filled for the current summer season.

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## **RANGER ASSISTANT**

### **Park/Area: CAINES HEAD STATE RECREATION AREA & RESURRECTION BAY STATE MARINE PARKS (2 Positions)**

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 sea 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 only accessible by boat.

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. Photograph buildings and park.

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:** District Ranger Jack Ransom  
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### **Park/Area: KASILOF, NINILCHIK AND DEEP CREEK STATE RECREATION SITE AND AREA (1 Position)**

This position is located at the Ninilchik Ranger Station and assists with maintaining the state park facilities from Kasilof to Ninilchik, small communities with approximately 800 people located on the western Kenai Peninsula. Local residents and visitors are drawn to this area because of the outstanding recreation opportunities; freshwater fishing in the Ninilchik River, the best roadside salmon fishing at Deep Creek and outstanding razor clam digging at Ninilchik beach. The proximity to Cook Inlet offers fantastic saltwater fishing for halibut and salmon. The Kasilof area includes Clam Gulch and access to the Kasilof River. One of the area's most popular campgrounds, Johnson Lake SRA is also in Kasilof.

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  
PO Box 1247  
Soldotna, AK 99669

*E-mail:* dnr.pkskenai@alaska.gov  
*Phone:* (907) 262-5581  
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## TRAIL CREW

### Park/Area: KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

#### (6 Positions)

The first state park adjoining the only wilderness park in Alaska, combines 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. The park also has 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 boat.

Main Tasks: Maintain park trails, campsites, and trailheads. Trail maintenance includes chainsaw and brush cutter operation, erosion control, tread work, campsite inspection and maintenance, and trailhead maintenance. Crews will be working and camping in remote settings for 8-10 days at a time. Other duties may include public contact and assistance, assist with foot and boat patrols, assist 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 50 lbs. in weight; working knowledge of basic hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: 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, and chainsaw operation.

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 of \$500 per month. 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 work week. 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 Homer, Alaska. Volunteers will have group use of state vehicle while in Homer on restricted and limited basis for shopping and state business.

Time Commitment: May 16th through August 15th. Some Volunteers may work until September 1 or later depending on funding and/or weather.

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) resume, and 3) 3 references. Positions open until filled for the current summer season.

**Preference given to internships.**

Fun: Those hired are expected to work hard and play, have fun and be safe. Kayaks, fishing poles, smaller skiff, and bicycles are available for recreation.

**Send Application to:** District Ranger Jason Okuly  
Alaska State Parks –Kenai/PWS  
PO Box 1247  
Soldotna, AK 99669

*E-mail:* [dnr.pkskenai@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.pkskenai@alaska.gov)  
*Phone:* (907) 435-7595 or 262-5581  
*Fax:* (907) 262-3717

**Park/Area: RESURRECTION BAY AND WESTERN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND**

**(2 Positions)**

Work will be located in Thumb's Cove State Marine Park, Caines Head State Recreation Area, and Decision Point Marine State Park. Park facilities include coastal campsites and five public use cabins. Resurrection Bay is located on the Kenai Peninsula the southern end of a coastal rain forest with glaciers, lakes, and fjords. Access to the park facilities is by boat or by foot.

Main Tasks: Provide maintenance on public use cabins, trails, and latrines. Assist park staff in acquiring visitor counts and serve as a field contact for the public. Will be trained and instructed in the use of trail construction tools, boating skills/safety, and general construction skills.

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, brush cutters, etc.; carpentry skills; knowledge of marine environment; backcountry travel/survival skills; emergency first aid skills.

Allowance/Housing: Monthly food subsistence payment of \$500/month. Live in remote ranger station cabin (7 miles from Seward) with no running water and Lowell Point volunteer housing which has a limited water resource. Should bring sleeping bags and pads, plus own towels, etc.

Uniforms: No uniform required. Provide own leather work-boots, rubber boots, raingear, and work gloves. Other safety equipment provided.

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

**Send Application to:** District Ranger Jack Ransom  
Alaska State Parks - Kenai/PWS  
P.O. Box 1578  
Seward, AK 99664

*E-mail:* jack.ransom@alaska.gov  
*Phone:* (907) 262-5581  
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## **KODIAK AREA**

### **BACKCOUNTRY RANGER ASSISTANT**

#### **Park/Area: SHUYAK ISLAND STATE PARK**

##### **(1-2 Positions)**

This remote wilderness park is approximately 54 air miles north of Kodiak and only accessible by boat or plane. The park island is approximately 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 Kodiak brown bear, Sitka black-tailed deer, many bird species, and a great diversity of marine mammals and fish. Park facilities include four public use cabins available for rent to visitors and the Big Bay Contact 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, upkeep and cleaning of 4 public use cabins including cutting and hauling firewood. Maintain contact station/visitor center facilities, grounds and solar and wind generated utility systems. Monitor patterns of park use and make visitor contacts. Trail work will include portage and hiking trail maintenance and improvements. Light construction, sanding, scraping and staining required on facilities. Assist with park logistics and supplies, and occasionally assist park ranger with park patrol. Position supervision is usually by the area Natural Resource Technician or Park Ranger.

Required Skills: Backcountry hiking, camping and survival skills, physically able to lift and carry up to 50lb. loads over uneven terrain, and the ability and desire to live in a remote location in bear country for extended periods of time. Possess basic carpentry/light construction skills and knowledge of related tools. Ability and knowledge of sea kayaking. Must have a good temperament and able to get along well with others in close isolated living quarters. Good communication skills and ability to work independently.

Desired Skills: Experience in chainsaw use and maintenance, trail construction, ocean boating operation and natural resource education &/or experience a plus.

Internship: State Park staff will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork for school credit.

Housing and Food: Main housing will be at the Big Bay Station facilities, occasionally in backcountry cabins or tents with no running water or electricity. All travel to and from Shuyak and Kodiak, food, safety equipment, and some training will be provided. Candidates season starts and ends in Kodiak, travel to and from Kodiak is at own expense at beginning and end of season.

Time Commitment: At least June 1 - September 1, possibly as long as May 20 - September 30.

**Note: Include a resume and supporting documentation with application.**

#### **Send Application to:**

Alaska State Parks – Kodiak  
1400 Abercrombie Dr.  
Kodiak, AK 99615

*E-mail:* [kodiakstateparks@alaska.gov](mailto:kodiakstateparks@alaska.gov)  
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### **NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER**

#### **Park/Area: KODIAK DISTRICT**

##### **(1 Position)**

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 approximately 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 units include a historic park, three recreation sites, and the remote island parks of Shuyak and Afognak Islands.

Main Tasks: Develop and present interpretive programs highlighting the park's natural history and WWII history. Schedule and conduct guided tide pool exploration walks. Organize a weekly series of lectures given by local natural, cultural and military history experts. Schedule, arrange and publicize park events. Assist in

sales and visitor services at the Fort Abercrombie Visitor Center. Other duties may include weekly reports/publications for the local newspaper and radio stations.

Special Projects: Varied, depending on skills and interests.

Required Skills: Must possess a valid driver's license; minimum of one year undergraduate studies and a minimum of 6 months paid or volunteer work experience 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, and field experience in natural or military history interpretation and/or outdoor education. Experience in developing interpretive programs, the ability to be self-motivated to learn as much about the area as possible with little supervision, and experience working with children.

Internship: State Park staff will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork for school credit.

Allowance/Housing: Monthly food subsistence payment, 12x20 cabin with gas stove and propane refrigerator/freezer, shower and internet access available in the Visitor Center after-hours.

Time Commitment: Mid-May through Labor Day.

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## **CHUGACH/ANCHORAGE AREA**

### **NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER**

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

##### **(Up to 5 Positions)**

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Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, rafting, mountain biking and horseback riding. With mountains rising almost 7,000 feet in elevation just above the Nature Center, it's no wonder that Walter Mendenhall called the Eagle River Valley a "miniature Yosemite". Yet, the Nature Center is just a short 45-minute drive from Anchorage. The Nature Center is the trailhead to 26 miles of the most scenic part of the Historic Iditarod/Crow Pass Trail. The trail system also includes a short ¾ mile interpretive trail (Rodak Nature Trail); a 3-mile loop trail that takes you to the shores of the glacially-fed Eagle River; and a backcountry trail that takes you above the valley to Dew Lake.

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The *Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc.* 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 (in person and over the phone); operate cash register for snack, gift and membership sales. Lead daily 1-hour guided nature walks. Light maintenance, including watering flowers, letter pickup, cleaning restrooms, emptying trash and vacuuming.

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

Desired Skills: Ability to interact with people; flexibility; good communicator; organization; enthusiasm for the outdoors; willingness to "jump in" when needed; self-motivated to learn as much about the area as possible with little supervision.

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

Allowance/Housing: Monthly subsistence payment; individual cabin (no electricity or water, gas stove for heat) 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. 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](http://www.ernc.org). For specific questions contact Asta Spurgis, Director at [info@ernc.org](mailto: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:** Laura Kruger, Manager  
Eagle River Nature Center  
32750 Eagle River Rd.  
Eagle River, AK 99577

*E-mail:* [admin@ernc.org](mailto:admin@ernc.org)  
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## NATURALIST FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

#### (1-2 Positions)

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Main Tasks: Leading and/or assisting staff naturalists with interpretive programs for K-12 school children. 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 setting up the 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 (dependent 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.

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## PARK CARETAKER

### Park/Area: BIRD POINT – CHUGACH STATE PARK

#### (1 Position)

The Bird Point Day Use Area is a popular sightseeing stop on the Turnagain Arm and the main access to Girdwood to Indian pathway, 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. Your host site is a two-bedroom cabin nestled in the trees at the Point.

Job duties: Summer: Provides visitor information, daily visit counts, light maintenance, and park watch. This position is recommended for individuals highly active with trail patrol and maintenance. Need to possess a high interest in public contact. Candidate should have strong interest in hiking and biking. Position offers great outdoor opportunities and physical exercise for the recreation minded person.

Winter: Facility is closed in winter. Caretaker becomes a ranger assistant. Duties include Turnagain arm facility cleaning, trail maintenance, day to day assistant to area ranger.

Allowance/Housing: Two bedroom cabin, phone, electricity, water and dump. No pets permitted in state park housing or vehicles.

Time Commitment: Summer: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30 Winter: 10/1 to 4/30

**Send Application to:** Ranger Tom Crockett

Alaska State Parks - Chugach  
18620 Seward Hwy.  
Anchorage, AK 99516

*E-mail:* thomas.crockett@alaska.gov

*Phone:* (907) 345-5014

### **Park/Area: POTTER SECTION HOUSE - CHUGACH STATE PARK**

#### **(1 Position)**

The Potter Section House is Chugach State Park Headquarters and is located on the Turnagain Arm with easy access to Anchorage and the Seward Highway. The Section house is part of the historic Alaska Railroad and is located between the Highway and the Railroad next to a small day use facility.

Main Tasks: Live at the Potter Section House to help prevent criminal mischief and vandalism. Assist in the office by answering phones, greeting visitors, selling annual parking passes, some data entry and light janitorial work. Outside duties include light janitorial work, some ground keeping and yard maintenance and snow removal.

Allowance/Housing: Housing, utilities, internet access. No pets permitted in state park housing or vehicles.

Time Commitment: 6 month season desired winter or summer.

**Send Application to:** Linda Ess

Alaska State Parks – Chugach  
18620 Seward Hwy.  
Anchorage, AK 99516

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### **Park/Area: ANCHORAGE HILLSIDE - CHUGACH STATE PARK**

#### **(1 Position)**

The Anchorage Hillside Host is responsible for providing basic services at four popular Chugach State Park trailheads: Glen Alps, Upper O'Malley, Upper Huffman, and Prospect Heights. Glen Alps trailhead offers excellent access to alpine areas including the popular Flattop Mountain. Common activities in the area include wildlife viewing, hiking, dog walking, climbing, berry picking, and biking.

Summer Season: Job duties include restroom cleaning, garbage pickup, visitor counts, incident reporting, visitor interaction, and other duties as assigned. Requirements of this position include working with minimal supervision, exercising good judgment, and maintaining high maintenance standards.

Winter Season: Winter duties include those described above although on a smaller scale due to decreased visitation. The position can be physically demanding. Additional winter duties include snow blowing/shoveling, maintaining access to fee stations and latrines, snowmobile operation, and winter trail maintenance. Activities during winter include skiing, hiking, sledding, wildlife viewing and snowmobiling (if snow depth is adequate). Experience in winter-based activity is especially helpful.

Time Commitment: Summer: 5 months, 5/1 - 9/30 Winter: 10/1 to 4/30.

**Send Application to:** Ranger Kurt Hensel

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*Phone:* (907) 344-0069

## RANGER ASSISTANT

### Park/Area: EKLUTNA LAKE - CHUGACH STATE PARK

#### (1-2 Positions)

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. 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.

Job duties: 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. May be lead person for volunteer groups and will assist visitor services, maintenance, litter pickup and janitorial services of front country campground/facilities, and operation of fee booth.

Amenities: Subsistence allowance. Dry cabin, phone, nearby laundry and showers. Pets are not permitted in state housing or vehicles.

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

**Send Application to:** Ranger Keith Wilson  
Alaska State Parks – Chugach  
18620 Seward Hwy.  
Anchorage, AK 99516

*E-mail:* keith.wilson@alaska.gov  
*Phone:* (907) 688-0910

## TRAIL CREW

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

#### (1-2 Positions)

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Main Tasks: Maintain Eagle River Nature Center grounds/trails and public use cabin and yurts. Trail maintenance includes chainsaw, log splitter and ATV operation, erosion control, tread work, and cabin and yurt inspection and maintenance. Other duties may include repair to facilities and basic carpentry.

Required Skills: Experience supervising small groups, familiarity with hand tool use including chainsaw operation, experience in basic tool and ATV maintenance and repair. Be physically fit, and able to live and work closely with others in rustic accommodations.

Desired Skills: Carpentry skills and previous trail maintenance experience.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

Allowance/Housing: Subsistence payment with a minimum 60 day commitment. Volunteers will be housed in small, rustic cabins with shared facilities inside the Eagle River Nature Center, which include kitchen and bathroom.

Time Commitment: May-August, or September-April (winter trail grooming). Preference for three or more months.

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## WINTER CARETAKER

### **Park/Area: GLEN ALPS CARETAKER CABIN - Hillside Host**

#### **(1 Position)**

Glen Alps is a very popular park for Anchorage residents and visitor alike. Just a short drive from downtown Anchorage, visitors can enjoy a true wilderness experience. Residents spend time walking, hiking and skiing the many trails around the park especially on long summer days and weekends. Moose, fox and an occasional bear are often sighted from the many vantage points. Activities during winter include skiing, hiking, sledding, wildlife viewing and snowmobiling (if snow depth is adequate). The Anchorage Hillside host is responsible for providing basic services at four popular Chugach State Park trailheads; Glen Alps, Upper O'Malley, Upper Huffman, and Prospect Heights.

Main Tasks: Live at the Glen Alps caretaker cabin and perform daily maintenance of the facility. Job duties include restroom cleaning, garbage pickup, visitor counts, incident reporting, visitor interaction, and other duties as assigned. Winter duties include those described above although on a smaller scale due to decreased visitation. This position requires people who can work with minimal supervision, exercise good judgment and maintain a high standard for park maintenance.

Requirements: The position can be physically demanding. Additional duties during winter include snow blowing/shoveling, maintaining access to fee stations and latrines, snowmobile operation, and winter trail maintenance. Experience in winter-based activity is especially helpful for this position.

Internship: Field experience only, not an intern position.

Allowance/Housing: Cabin with some furnishings, propane provided for stove/oven and heater.

Time Commitment: October 15 through May 15.

**Send Application to:** Ranger Ben Corwin

Alaska State Parks – Chugach

18620 Seward Hwy.

Anchorage, AK 99516

*E-mail:* ben.corwin@alaska.gov

*Phone:* (907) 345-5014

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

#### **(1-2 Positions)**

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Main Tasks: Live at the Eagle River Nature Center and perform daily maintenance of the facility and latrines in the area. Provide indoor information services (in person and over the phone, Friday-Sunday); operate cash register for snack, gift and membership sales. Light maintenance, including watering flowers, litter pickup, cleaning restrooms, emptying trash and vacuuming. Other tasks involve snow removal 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. 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 (grocery shopping, laundry, etc); 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, minimum time commitment.

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Application requirements: Completed Alaska State Parks application; short cover letter explaining your motivation for pursuing a volunteer position at the Nature Center and your dates/times available; a brief description of any special skills and related experience; and a resume limited to one page. Please do not send any additional information.

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## **WINTER PARK CARETAKER**

### **Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK – POTTER SECTION HOUSE**

#### **(1 Position)**

The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. 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, hunting and ATV, mountain bike and horseback riding. 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:**

Alaska State Parks – Chugach  
18620 Seward Hwy.  
Anchorage, AK 99516

*E-mail:* [csp@alaska.gov](mailto:csp@alaska.gov)  
*Phone:* (907) 345-5014  
*Fax:* (907) 345-6982

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

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, 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.

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, October 1 – April 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.*

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## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

### **MUSEUM ASSISTANT**

#### **Park/Area: WICKERSHAM STATE HISTORIC SITE**

##### **(1 Position)**

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. 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.

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. 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:** Chief Ranger Kevin Murphy  
Alaska State Parks – Southeast  
400 Willoughby Ave.  
P.O. Box 111071  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-1071

*E-mail:* kevin.murphy@alaska.gov  
*Phone:* 907-465-4563

### **NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETER**

#### **Park/Area: KETCHIKAN AREA STATE PARKS - TOTEM BIGHT SHP, SETTLERS COVE SRS, REFUGE COVE SRS (1 Position)**

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 State Historical Parks and Settlers Cove State Recreation Sites.

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. May assist in the visitor information center.

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.

Internship: Will assist volunteer in internship requirements 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:** Aaron Ostby  
Alaska State Parks – Southeast  
9883 N. Tongass Hwy.  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

*E-mail:* aaron.ostby@alaska.gov  
*Phone:* (907) 247-8574  
*Fax:* (907) 247-8573

## **PARK CARETAKER**

### **Park/Area: ALASKA CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE**

#### **(1 Position)**

The eagle preserve is located north of Haines, Alaska, along the Chilkat River and includes about 48,000 acres of prime eagle habitat. It is world-renowned for the large gathering of 3,000 or more eagles during the fall and early winter. A facility located at the "Council Grounds," 19 miles north of Haines, along the Haines Highway, provides sheltered outside interpretive displays overlooking the Chilkat River where the highest concentration of eagles occurs. There is a two mile trail running along the river connecting scenic pull-outs.

Main Tasks: Assist/provide the area staff with daily operations of visitor contacts, and eagle observations. Janitorial service on the vaulted latrine and facility maintenance, including light carpentry, painting and repair work. May also include providing vehicle counts, highway safety information, nature observation, and commercial operator monitoring.

Required Skills: Should 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 experiences only, not an internship position.

Allowance/Housing: Log, 16' x 16', cabin with sleeping loft. Oil drip heat, propane cooking stove, underground power, phone, and **no** running water. Full kitchen with gray water outfall. Public latrine nearby. Services located 19 miles south in Haines. Personal vehicle highly recommended.

Time Commitment: May through September, minimum of eight weeks, full season preferred.

**Send Application to:** Ranger Travis Russell  
Alaska State Parks - Haines Office  
P.O. Box 430  
Haines, AK 99827

*E-mail:* travis.russell@alaska.gov  
*Phone:* (907) 766-2292  
*Fax:* (907) 766-2284

### **Park/Area: STARRIGAVAN RECREATION AREA, SITKA ALASKA**

#### **(1 Full-Time Volunteer Position)**

Enjoy and experience a summer volunteering in Sitka, Alaska. Live in a quaint cabin 7 miles from town in a beautiful recreation area adjacent to Starrigavan Bay. Sitka is located in the southeast panhandle of Alaska and is only accessible by air or boat. Host couples are preferred.

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 34 campsites, 1 public recreation rental cabin, 6 picnic sites and an artesian well.

Main Tasks: Interact with campers, hikers, artesian well users and other recreation area users. Live within the recreation area and provide a Forest Service presence; assist in deterring criminal mischief and vandalism of facilities; contact Forest Service staff or appropriate authorities in case of problems or emergencies; monitor light maintenance needs at host cabin; meet and greet visitors; monitor the recreation area water system and facility use; monitor and post incoming camping reservations; check in/out reservations for recreation rental cabin, stock rental cabin with split firewood; collect and process camping/log cabin fees; perform light maintenance including cleanup of fire rings, restrooms, campsites, rental cabin; leaf litter removal; open and close access gates daily.

Desired Skills: Host(s) must enjoy working with the public and being visible within the recreation area; in good health and physical condition (repeated bending, lifting; lots of walking); be self-directed requiring little supervision; possess a valid driver's license to operate a government vehicle; commit to volunteering

full time for dates specified. Experience with gas powered equipment and operating ATV/UTV/riding power equipment is important.

Housing: Volunteer lives in a small “Pan Abode” style cabin (1 bedroom, kitchen/living/office area, bath and laundry) within the recreation area with all utilities paid by the Forest Service. Oil heat, electrical lights, phone (local calls only); indoor plumbing; other amenities available; requires conservative use of cabin water system.

**Adults and non-smokers only; no pets.**

Time Commitment: 5 months, mid-April through mid-September.

Allowance: Travel reimbursement on Alaska Marine Highway for self and vehicle 19 feet or less and/or a daily reimbursement may be available.

**Note: Personal vehicle required for transportation. Applications accepted through July 1st or until filled. State Park application may be used to apply for this position.**

**Send Application to:** ATTN: Mike Mullin, Natural Resource Specialist  
USDA Forest Service, Sitka Ranger District  
204 Siginaka Way *E-mail:* mmullin@fs.fed.us  
Sitka, AK 99835 *Phone:* (907) 747-4274

## **WINTER PARK CARETAKER**

### **Park/Area: SETTLERS COVE STATE RECREATION SITE**

#### **(1 Position – Couple Preferred)**

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. 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: Assist/provide the area staff with daily park operations including: light maintenance and some janitorial within the park, 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 improvement projects as skills permit, and time and materials are available. 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 public relation skills, be able to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing and have enthusiasm for working with the public. Must be in good health and physical condition. Should possess a valid driver’s license.

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 wheels or all-wheel drive vehicle recommended for transportation. Couples are encouraged to apply. Applications accepted through August 30, or until filled.

**Send Application to:** Ranger Aaron Ostby  
Alaska State Parks – Southeast *E-mail:* aaron.ostby@alaska.gov  
9883 N Tongass Hwy. *Phone:* (907) 247-8574  
Ketchikan, AK 99901 *Fax:* (907) 247-8573

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Main Tasks: Assist/provide the area staff with daily operations and visitor contacts, eagle observations, and facility maintenance, including routine janitorial work. Will include light carpentry work, winter snow removal, vehicle counts, highway safety information, and nature observation.

Required Skills: Should 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 internship position.

Amenities: 16' X 16' log cabin with sleeping loft. Oil drip heat, propane cooking stove, underground power, phone, and no running water. Full kitchen with gray water outfall. Public latrine nearby. Services located 19 miles south in Haines. Personal vehicle required.

Time Commitment: October through April, minimum of eight weeks, full season preferred.

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**WINTER CAMP CARETAKER/ HOST**

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**(1 Full-Time Volunteer Position)**

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Main Tasks: Interact with campers, hikers, artesian well users and other recreation area users. Live within the recreation area and provide a Forest Service presence; assist in deterring criminal mischief and vandalism of facilities; contact Forest Service staff or appropriate authorities in case of problems or emergencies; monitor light maintenance needs at host cabin; meet and greet visitors; monitor the recreation area water system and facility use; monitor and post incoming camping reservations; check in/out reservations for recreation rental cabin, stock rental cabin with split firewood; collect and process camping/log cabin fees; perform light maintenance including cleanup of fire rings, restrooms, campsites, rental cabin; leaf litter removal; open and close access gates daily; snow removal using government provided OHV with plow (previous ATV/UTV/small tractor experience required). Snowfall is sporadic and typically begins about mid-November.

Desired Skills: Willingness to engage and communicate with visitors to the recreation area; experience with gas powered equipment and operating ATV/UTV/riding power equipment; outdoor winter enthusiast; comfortable living alone semi-remotely (7 miles from Sitka at the "end of the road") during the shortest days of the year (6 hours daylight December and January).

Housing: Volunteer lives in a small "Pan Abode" style cabin (1 bedroom, kitchen/living/office area, bath and laundry) within the recreation area with all utilities paid by the Forest Service. Oil heat, electrical lights,

phone (local calls only); indoor plumbing; other amenities available; requires conservative use of cabin water system.

**Adults and non-smokers only; no pets.**

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

Allowance: Travel reimbursement on Alaska Marine Highway for self and vehicle 19 feet or less and/or a daily reimbursement may be available.

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## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

### **RANGER STATION HOST/MAINTENANCE**

#### **Park/Area: AGULUKPAK RIVER CONTACT STATION, WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE PARK (1 Position)**

Located in southwest Alaska, Wood-Tikchik is the largest state park in the nation, encompassing nearly 1.6 million acres. The park offers rugged mountains, tundra meadows, cirque glaciers, clear mountain lakes, streams, and pure wilderness. The park's abundant wildlife includes moose, caribou, black and brown bear, wolves, salmon, grayling, rainbow trout, bald eagles, and many species of waterfowl and shorebirds. The park is only accessible by boat or float plane from Dillingham.

Main Tasks: This position serves as a representative for Wood-Tikchik State Park while supporting the operation and maintenance of the Agulukpak River Contact Station. Primary duties include: maintenance of a three-site tent-only campground, day use sites, river trail, and other associated facilities. Collect, record and maintain data relating to park visitation, water levels, weather conditions, wildlife sightings, sport fishing activity and other pertinent information each day. Provide information and assistance to park visitors and assist the Park Ranger with projects in the park as needed.

Required Skills: Applicants must possess a strong work ethic and be able to live and work independently and with others in a remote location. Possess safety first ethic, be in good physical condition, able to lift and carry tools up to 45 lbs, walk on uneven terrain for short distances, be comfortable as a passenger in a boat or small airplane and have working knowledge of basic hand and power tools. Current certification in Basic First Aid is encouraged.

Desired Skills: Possess skills necessary to perform general maintenance, light carpentry and brush cutting, and operation of a small solar power inverter system, and the ability and knowledge to operate a small skiff.

Groceries/Housing/Support: Housing and cooking facilities are located at the Agulukpak River Contact Station. Volunteer must provide personal sleeping bag, towels, personal items, etc. Volunteer and supplies will be transported from Dillingham to the Contact Station via float plane or boat. A satellite phone will be provided for routine and emergency communication with the park rangers.

Transportation: Volunteer must provide own transportation to Dillingham, Alaska. The park will provide transportation to the work site.

Training Provided: Orientation training includes basic policies and procedure, brush cutter operation, field maintenance, Bear and Wildlife Safety training including use of bear spray, basic emergency procedures, and satellite phone operation.

Time Commitment: Preference will be given to applicants who are available June 15th through September 15th. The volunteer will be living at the Contact Station during this time without an expectation of being transported out of the field for time off.

Schedule: Volunteer will work five days per week. The hours worked per day will vary and not exceed 8 hours per day. Volunteer must be available to collect visitor use counts on a daily basis beginning at 0830 hours. **Note:** Must receive application by 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.

Consideration will be given to single applicants or a couple who will work together, one stipend provided.

**Send Application to:** Ranger Alison Eskelin  
Wood-Tikchik State Park  
P.O. Box 1822  
Dillingham, AK 99576

*E-mail:* [alison.eskelin@alaska.gov](mailto:alison.eskelin@alaska.gov)  
*Phone:* (907) 842-2641





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Address:		Telephone:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
Are you a citizen of the United States?: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> /No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>You must be a United States citizen to volunteer Alaska State Parks</i>			
Message Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Message Address:		Best Time to Call:	
You are applying for the following position(s) (include the area):			
1. _____			
2. _____			
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Date of Birth:		Driver's License State/Number:	
Dates Available:	Start:	End:	
If volunteering for a campground host position, are you interested in moving to different campgrounds during your stay? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Do you have an RV or Trailer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Willing to work weekends? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Current Employment Status: Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/>			
Occupation: _____			
Education (please include degree major/minor areas of study and school obtained):			
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma: _____			
College/Secondary Education:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Some (in progress/incomplete): _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Trade/Certification: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Associates: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Master's: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> PhD.: _____			
Field Experience:			

References (Name, Phone Number):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Volunteer Experience:

Outdoor interests, hobbies, or special skills:

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? No  Yes

If yes, please explain:

Are you on any medication?: No  Yes

Has any medical provider limited the scope of your physical activities? No  Yes

If yes, please describe the limitations?:

Signature:

Date:

*Please print this application and sign this application  
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