KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

The first state park adjoining the only wilderness park in Alaska, both combined include nearly 400,000 acres of rugged coastal mountains, high peaks, glaciers, river valleys, rain forest, large salt water lagoons, long stretches of remote beaches, deep bays and fjords and clear mountain lakes. They also have nearly 150 miles of coastline along two separate water bodies, Kachemak Bay and the Gulf of Alaska (Pacific Ocean). The park’s abundant wildlife includes moose, black bear, mountain goat, wolves, coyote, salmon, Bald Eagles, porpoises, whales and many species of sea and shorebirds. 85 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 26ft. patrol boat or 28' landing craft.

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 up to 10 days at a time and up to 10 hours a day. Other duties may include public contact and assistance, assist with foot and boat patrols, assistance with construction and/or repair to any old or new facilities. Training will be provided in all special skill areas.

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

Required Skills: Must possess a valid (current) driver’s license; must possess a strong work ethic; Must be able to live and work in remote locations cooperatively with others up to 10 days at a time; be in good physical condition and able to lift and carry tools and packs up to 45 lbs. in weight; working knowledge of basic hand and power tools.

Desired Skills: Prior trail-crew experience and/or training. Training and/or experience in backcountry travel, camping and survival. First-aid/CPR or higher level certification (current). Experience/training with basic carpentry, chainsaws, brushcutters, public relations, photography.
**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:** Monthly subsistence payment of $500. Majority of the time will be spent out in the field living in tents and/or at the Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station. Shared bunk/living space will be provided in Homer when not in the field. The Homer Bunkhouse has showers, laundry, and full kitchen. All safety equipment will be provided. There is some field equipment available for use during the work week. **Leather work/hiking boots are required.** Bring own sheets, sleeping bag, towels and personal items, etc.

**Transportation:** Must provide transportation to Anchorage, Alaska. Arrangements will be made for transportation from Anchorage to Homer and return. Otherwise applicants must provide transportation to Homer. Volunteers will have group use of state vehicle while in Homer on restricted and limited basis for shopping and state business.

**Time Commitment:** Preference to applicants who can start May 15th (arrive Anchorage by noon May 15th) and work until August 15th. Some VIP’s may work until September 1 or later depending on weather and funding.

**Note:** Hiring for summer volunteer positions starts March 1, until all positions are filled. Selected applicants will be notified by April 30th. Application should include the following: 1) completed state parks volunteer application form, and 2) a resume.

**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.

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