Who we are:

The Department of Environment and Conservation exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment.

We foster a work environment that's inclusive as well as diverse, where our people can be themselves. Every idea and perspective is valued so that our culture reflects the people we serve.

Our Department is committed to providing a cleaner, safer environment that goes hand-in-hand with economic prosperity and increased quality of life in Tennessee. We deliver on our mission through managing regulatory programs that maintain standards for air, water and soil quality while providing assistance to businesses and communities in areas ranging from recreation to waste management. We manage the state park system and programs to inventory, interpret and protect Tennessee's rich natural, historical, and archaeological heritage.

About the Tennessee State Parks

From its beginning in 1937, Tennessee State Parks were established to protect and preserve the unique natural, cultural, and historic resources of Tennessee. The public interest has also been served by a variety of benefits for citizens and communities produced by our state park system, promoting stronger communities and healthier citizens across the state through diverse resource-based recreation while conserving the natural environment for today and tomorrow - preserving authentic Tennessee places and spaces for future generations to enjoy. As stewards of the resources in our parks, we seek to manage Tennessee's state parks in order to preserve and protect valued resources and to provide a balance of services and benefits for the enjoyment of the people.

Tennessee State Parks and Conservation
Kitchen Manager
Fall Creek Falls State Park
Starting Annual Salary: $38,472

Our Tennessee State Parks are among the most beautiful parks in the United States. We have an outstanding opportunity in a beautiful work environment. The Lodge at Fall Creek Falls is a newly built facility and offers a full-service restaurant, lounge, and catering facilities. The Lodge is in Spencer, TN and has been a preferred destination for business meetings and conferences as well as a vacation destination for families for many years.

This position is responsible for oversight of all meal preparation for the food and beverage outlets and banquet meetings. The preferred candidate will have knowledge of commercial kitchens and experience in high-volume restaurant operations. A ServSafe certification is required for this position within 90 days of employment. The position requires work on weekends and holidays on a rotating basis. To apply for this position visit: https://www.tn.gov/careers.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Oversee daily kitchen operations for the restaurant and catering events.
- Ensure the highest food quality and professional service standards.
- Monitor food preparation methods and portion sizes.
- Place orders for food supplies based on projected business levels and price from a variety of vendors. Ensure products ordered are correct and meet acceptable standards.
- Conduct regular food inventory reviews to minimize loss.
- Prepare shift schedules for kitchen staff based on projected business volume to effectively manage labor costs.
- Maintain food quality, food cost, service, cleanliness, safety, and sanitation standards.
- Utilize knowledge of current menu trends and incorporate seasonal foods in menu development.

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy, the State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status or any other category protected by state and/or federal civil rights laws.