

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.

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.

Mission Statement:

To provide professional, effective management and stewardship of the park and all its resources; present compelling interpretation of the park's story and resources; provide opportunities for safe enjoyable outdoor and recreational experiences to all park visitor; provide a safe and inspiring workplace for all park employees and volunteers; manage all park operations to be as efficient and cost effective as possible; and to partner with local community leaders to bring a positive economic impact to the area surrounding the park.



Tennessee State Parks and Conservation Lead Cook Paris Landing State Park Lodge Annual Starting Salary: \$26,016

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 Paris Landing has newly renovated full-service restaurant, lounge, and catering facilities. The Lodge is in Buchanan, TN and is a preferred destination for business meetings and conferences as well as a vacation destination for families.

This position is responsible for leading the daily shifts in the kitchen preparing meals 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. Candidates should have the ability to shift back and forth between two or more activities or source of information (multitasking). It is a requirement of the position that a candidate is able to exert muscle force to lift, push, pull or carry objects. 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:

- Operate a variety of commercial grade kitchen appliances.
- Bake bread, rolls, cakes, pies, and pastries.
- Cleans, cuts, cooks (by roasting, broiling, baking, and frying) meat, fish, poultry, and vegetables.
- Coaches and trains new or less experience workers in the kitchen.
- Prepare restaurant meals to order in a timely manner to ensure guests satisfaction.
- Prepare food for catered events as contracted by the Lodge.
- Prioritize food prep tasks based on knowledge on the time needed to cook and prepare food items.
- Maintain a clean and functional kitchen that exceeds the Department of Health expectations.

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.