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 environmental 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.

Park Ranger 1
South Cumberland State Park
Annual Salary Range: $36,636 – $58,620

We have an outstanding opportunity in a pleasing work environment at the beautiful South Cumberland State Park. This position is to be stationed at the Visitor Center near the Fiery Gizzard Trailhead in Grundy County TN. The Park Ranger 1 position is an integral component to the safety and security operations of the park by providing law enforcement and first responder services to our many guests and visitors, as well as promoting conservation of the park’s resources through interpretive programming.

Preferred candidates will have a minimum of two years of professional park law enforcement experience. The preferred candidate will be comfortable working with diverse guests of the park, interacting with a variety of wildlife, and enjoy interpretive programming. The position requires the ability to work with a flexible work schedule, including working evenings, weekends, and holidays. The position will also have supervisory oversight of other park staff or volunteers working in the park. To be considered for this position you must have a bachelor's degree; preferred degree in Resource Management or a Natural Resource based field of study. It is also a requirement that the candidate be a state commissioned officer recognized by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy or is willing to become commissioned. To apply for this position: [https://www.tn.gov/careers](https://www.tn.gov/careers).

General Responsibilities:

- Manage assigned operations responsibilities and assist with management of all operations and visitor services.
- Assist with community outreach programs and partner with local businesses and area officials to promote the park and impact economic development.
- Support park and natural area goals of resource protection and management in invasive removal, restoration of natural and cultural areas, and visitor education of resource significance.
- Execute disciplinary action including the enforcement of park rules and regulations or general law enforcement if necessary. Investigate complaints and reported offences.

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.