



STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

CLASS SPECIFICATION

Class Title: PARK INTERPRETIVE SPECIALIST 2*			Abbreviation: PARK IN SP 2
Class Code: 77621	OCC Code: 7	Analyst: EX	Effective Date: March 1, 2006

SUMMARY: Under general supervision, performs park interpretive duties of average difficulty; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: *This is the working level class in the Park Interpretive Specialist sub-series. An employee in this class has acquired the basic knowledge and skills needed to perform at the working level. This class is flexibly staffed with and differs from that of Park Interpretive Specialist 1 in that an incumbent of the latter acts in an entry level capacity learning to apply the proper methods and procedures of professional interpretive or naturalist work. This class differs from that of Park Interpretive Specialist 3 in that an incumbent of the latter is responsible for the planning and evaluation of programs to be used for state parks, and historical and natural areas within a region.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provides environmental education regarding the historical and/or natural area significance of state parks to visitors through the development and presentation of lectures, slide programs, guided walks, and other scheduled programs.
2. Conducts research on the area, prepares reports, and maintains program records.
3. Protects the natural and historical resources by assessing various maintenance needs and conducting minor repairs on roads, trails, and facilities.
4. Is responsible for park ranger duties such as law enforcement and safety duties.
5. Is responsible for creating displays and exhibits and maintaining the cleanliness of the area.
6. May provide emergency first aid services as needed.
7. Operates and maintains a variety of equipment such as gardening tools, carpentry tools, and four-wheel drive vehicles.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS



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Education and Experience: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in history, anthropology, biology, ecology, or other related acceptable field and experience equivalent to one year of full-time professional park conservation, interpretive, or naturalist work.

Necessary Special Qualifications: Applicants for this class must:

- (1.) be willing to and able to qualify with, carry, and use assigned weapons
- (2.) be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of application.
- (3.) be a citizen of the United States.
- (4.) have a good moral character, as determined by investigation.
- (5.) complete a criminal history disclosure form in a manner approved by the appointing authority.
- (6.) agree to release all records involving their criminal history to the appointing authority.
- (7.) supply a fingerprint sample in a manner prescribed by the TBI for a fingerprint based criminal history records check.
- (8.) have no conviction for a felony or have been discharged under any other than honorable conditions from any branch of the United States armed forces.
- (9.) pass a physical examination administered by a licensed physician that is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and that relates to the essential functions of the position.
- (10.) pass a psychological evaluation administered by a licensed mental health professional that is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and that relates to the essential functions of the position.
- (11.) possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license at the time of appointment.
- (12.) upon appointment, successfully complete a prescribed course of instruction at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy or have successfully completed the equivalent of the prescribed course.

Necessary Special Qualifications 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10 apply only to those positions required to carry a firearm.

EXAMINATION METHOD: Education and Experience, 100%, for Career Service positions.