

Allegheny County Department of Parks
Seasonal Park Ranger
Latodami Nature Center North Park

Job Title: Seasonal Park Ranger, Latodami Nature Center

Department: Parks

Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Employment Period: Seasonal: 5/18/2026 to 8/15/2026

Location: North Park, Latodami Nature Center

How to Apply:

Applications may be submitted until the position is filled and/or the posting is closed. After reviewing this job announcement, please download and complete the application. A resume is required with the application.

Applications and resumes must be submitted to: parkrangerseasonals@alleghenycounty.us

A resume may not be substituted for an application.

The deadline to apply is February 22nd

Minimum Requirements:

24 college credits in Parks and Recreation, Resource Management, Biology, Environmental Science/Education, Education, History or a related field of study. An equivalent combination of education and/or experience may be substituted.

Must possess current, valid certification in first aid and CPR at time of hire.

Must possess current, valid driver's license at time of hire.

Must pass preemployment background check.

Must obtain Pennsylvania State child abuse clearances, state police criminal records check and FBI finger printing prior to employment.

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Latodami Supervisor Ranger, this position is responsible for providing information and quality customer services to visitors of the Allegheny County Parks. These positions will be responsible for developing and presenting high-quality interpretive and educational programming and working on various natural and recreational resource management projects, including but not limited to, trail building, invasive species removal and tree planting. Rangers are responsible for promoting recreation and safe utilization of the parks in accordance with applicable provisions of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances.

Position may be terminated at any time due to weather conditions or project availability.

Duties:

- Develop and present interpretive and educational programming in a variety of settings including scheduled park programs, special events, and outreach programs.
- Provide information and answer questions from visitors about park resources, facilities, environmental features and history of County parks; provide maps and directions.
- Patrol parks on foot and/or by vehicle; explain park rules and regulations to the public and gain compliance through education.
- Perform regular checks of grounds, buildings, and park facilities for vandalism, damage, safety hazards and cleanliness, and report problems and areas of concern to appropriate parties.
- Report complaints and/or incidents involving the public to appropriate supervisor.
- Assist with leading groups of volunteers on a variety of projects including but not limited to: trail work, plantings, invasive species removal and park clean-ups.
- Assist with large scale special events by providing logistical support and programmatic assistance.
- Assist with outreach programs that include natural, cultural and recreational resource-based topics.
- Help develop, implement and lead 4 summer camps throughout the course of the summer; the last camp being led by Seasonal Latodami Ranger staff.
- Perform other related duties as required or requested.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of:

- Operations and functions of Park Rangers within a park system.
- Natural, cultural and recreational resources that exist within County parks.
- Natural and cultural resource interpretation and education.
- Outdoor recreation and education.
- Volunteer management.
- Invasive species management.
- Trail system management.

Ability to:

- Act as a park ambassador and provide accurate and responsive information to park visitors.
- Establish effective working relationships with managers, co-workers, and public safety personnel to ensure that hazards and safety concerns are addressed and resolved so that visitors have safe and enjoyable experiences within the parks.
- Learn about the natural, cultural and recreational resources within the parks.
- Work with and present to groups of varying sizes, ages and abilities.
- Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Tactfully administer park rules and regulations.
- Stand and walk long distances for prolonged periods of time daily, climb and descend steep inclines, engage in frequent bending, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and reaching.

- Work outside in all types of weather, resulting in exposure to extreme cold, heat and humidity, rain, wind, direct sunlight, etc.
- Wear issued uniform and represent the County Parks in a professional manner.
- Exhibit strong work ethic and take initiative while acting independently in preparing for scheduled tasks.
- Learn about park resources by reviewing published maps, research materials and other documents.
- Learn and implement natural resource management skills like tree planting and invasive species removal.
- Learn and implement sustainable trail construction, design, and general trail maintenance.
- Learn and implement volunteer management skills.
- Maintain flexible work schedules at different park locations.
- Use a computer, Microsoft Office, and Adobe.
- Work 40 hours per week with varying schedules including weekday, weekend, holiday and evening work.

Veterans' Preference:

- Will be awarded to eligible candidates.