

CAREER INTERVIEW:

SUPERINTENDENT (PARK MANAGER)

NAME: Martha Bogle

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Managing the park
- 2) Overseeing the park budget
- 3) Developing partnerships with the community and park neighbors
- 4) Developing and justifying funding requests
- 5) Providing for the enjoyment of visitors
- 6) Preserving the natural and historic resources
- 7) Working inside



What I like most about my job is working with the staff and the community. I enjoy building partnerships in the community to creatively solve problems and meet needs.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) College degree in botany
- 3) Graduate classes in outdoor recreation
- 4) Extensive National Park Service training

Experience:

- 1) Held National Park Service jobs in interpretation, visitor protection, and natural resources management.
- 2) Worked for the National Park Service at Great Smoky Mountains, Great Sand Dunes, Everglades, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Carl Sandburg Home.

My career goal is to make a difference in our National Park Service by becoming more involved with the Service on a national level. This will require my assuming a position of greater responsibility within the agency.

CLUSTER: Business Occupations

CAREER INTERVIEW:

PARK RANGER - INTERPRETER (NATURALIST)

NAME: Fran Rametta

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Coordinating activities for park visitors
- 2) Coordinating school group visits
- 3) Providing educational programs, audiovisual presentations, and Ranger guided walks
- 4) Writing for the volunteer newsletter ("The Boardwalk Talk")
- 5) Serving as community outreach spokesperson for the park
- 6) Coordinating the sale of nature books
- 7) Working with computers
- 8) Working inside and outside



What I like most about my job is presenting audio-visual programs about the park and leading nature walks through Congaree Swamp National Monument.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) College degree in Fish and Wildlife Management

Experience:

- 1) Worked for the Fairfax County, Virginia Park Authority.
- 2) Worked in the National Park Service as a historian, educational specialist, and park naturalist.
- 3) Worked in the Great Smokies, and the Washington, DC Mall.

My career goal is to remain as a park ranger (naturalist) but perhaps move to a larger park for career advancement.

CLUSTER: Agriculture Occupations

CAREER INTERVIEW:

MAINTENANCE WORKER

NAME: Lewis Prettyman

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Maintaining all park facilities, equipment, and vehicles
- 2) Maintaining and taking care of all park trails
(boardwalks, footbridges, hiking trails, and canoe trails)
- 3) Landscaping
- 4) Supervising seasonal workers and volunteers
- 5) Working outside



What I like most about my job is working outdoors.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) Military duty
- 3) College degree in Criminal Justice
- 4) National Park Service training

Experience:

- 1) Working with my father, a builder.
- 2) Working as a roofer and framer.

My career goal is to eventually get into the Park Protection program as a ranger.

CLUSTER: Construction Occupation

CAREER INTERVIEW:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

NAME: Marcus Banks

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Making sure the park spends the correct amount of money in its budget
- 2) Making sure that people are hired to do all the jobs needed at the park
- 3) Making sure all park employees get paid correctly and receive benefits
- 4) Purchasing equipment and supplies such as uniforms
- 5) Making sure all money and property are accounted for
- 6) Making sure employees receive training
- 7) Recruiting new National Park employees
- 8) Working inside



What I like most about my job is helping and supporting all of the other employees.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) Associate degree in business
- 3) Extensive job-training through the National Park Service

Experience:

- 1) Worked as a park aid in other National Parks (St. Louis, Missouri and the Ulysses Grant National Monument).
- 2) Duties in the Marine Corps.

My career goal is to move to a larger National Park with more duties and responsibilities. You must often be willing to move in the National Park Service to advance your career.

CLUSTER: Business Occupations

CAREER INTERVIEW:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

NAME: Bobbi Simpson

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Identifying resources (plants, trees, animals) in the park that need special attention
- 2) Using scientific methods to protect the park natural resources
- 3) Hiring and working with other people who know specific plants and animals and how to protect and take care of them
- 4) Reporting problems to the Park Superintendent
- 5) Working inside



What I like most about my job is working with some of the best scientists in their fields to protect our environment.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) College Bachelors degree in Parks and Recreation with an emphasis in natural resources
- 3) Masters degree is not required but would help in getting this job

Experience:

- 1) Worked in seasonal job positions for 5 years.
- 2) Worked as a park ranger and park ground attendant.
- 3) Worked as a Sea Turtle Program Director.
- 4) Moved 11 times in 5 years to many parks.

My career goal is to one day be a park superintendent.

CLUSTER: Science & Technology Occupations

CAREER INTERVIEW:

PARK RANGER (PROTECTION)

NAME: Jim Watkins

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Serving as a federal police officer, protecting park visitors and resources
- 2) Conducting search and rescue services
- 3) Fighting fires
- 4) Providing emergency medical help
- 5) Working outside



What I like most about my job is working outdoors.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) College degree in natural sciences
- 3) Training in criminal justice
- 4) Training in emergency medical services
- 5) National Park Service training

Experience:

- 1) Working as a park ranger on The Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountains.
- 2) Working with the US Forest Service.

My career goal is to continue serving the public and protecting the National Parks.

CLUSTER: Personal Service Occupations

CAREER INTERVIEW:

FORESTRY TECHNICIAN

NAME: Patrick Dege

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Taking care of fire management equipment
- 2) Preparing for fighting wildfires
- 3) Managing prescribed fires; restoring fires to woodlands
- 4) Working on a computer, printing brochures and other needed printed materials
- 5) Working in the ranger station on the weekends
- 6) Working inside and outside



What I like most about my job is the variety of things that I get to do in a small park setting.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) College degree in forestry
- 3) National Park Service training (fire management, wilderness management, and computer)
- 4) Have taken lots of math courses (very important for my job)

Experience:

- 1) Worked as a private forestry consultant.

My career goal is to move into resource management in another National Park.

CLUSTER: Agriculture Occupation

CAREER INTERVIEW:

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

NAME: John Cely

MY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Researching and studying non-game endangered species
- 2) Studying specific birds
- 3) Reviewing environmental studies
- 4) Managing prescribed burning
- 5) Conducting field oriented scientific research
- 6) Studying radio-telemetry (radio's on birds)
- 7) Working outside and inside
- 8) Using computer for grant writing



What I like most about my job is working in a field I enjoy and making a difference.

I prepared myself for this job by getting an education and experience including:

Education:

- 1) High school diploma
- 2) Bachelor of Science degree in Biology
- 3) Masters degree in Wildlife Biology

Experience:

- 1) Childhood interest in and love of nature
- 2) County Health Department
- 3) Research Assistant, USC

My career goal is to stay in my current job, which remains challenging.

CLUSTER: Science & Technology