

# MIDLAND COUNTY

## SEASONAL PARK RANGER

### General Summary

Under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Director, with overview and direction provided by other full-time Park staff, performs park maintenance tasks and participates in the construction and repair of park facilities. Operates park vehicles and equipment. Oversees the park visitors to ensure they adhere to park rules and regulations. Collects park entrance fees and maintains records on park use.

### Essential Functions

1. Participates in the following tasks to maintain the county parks and county facility's grounds:
  - [a] Operates tractors with mowers, riding mowers and power mowers to cut grass in the county parks and to maintain all county facilities grounds. Operates other heavy equipment including dump trucks, front-end loaders and back hoe.
  - [b] Trims grass, trees and shrubs with power and hand equipment.
  - [c] Removes brush, dead trees and other debris from parks.
  - [d] Constructs equipment and facilities, including assembling and maintaining playground equipment, signs, parking barriers, picnic tables and gills, building equipment and structures. Utilizes a variety of power tools.
  - [e] Cleans pavilions and other facilities, picking up litter and replenishing supplies. Ensures bathrooms and showers are cleaned.
  - [f] Removes leaves and snow.
  - [g] Clear and clean beaches of seaweed and debris and rake sand.
2. Patrols parks and facilities including swim areas, picnic and pavilion areas, hiking trails and rail trails to ensure the safety and wellbeing of park visitors.
3. Collects park entrance fees and maintains visitor logs and statistical information concerning park usage.
4. Responds to complaints of park visitors concerning park maintenance or park facility issues.
5. Ensures that park patrons adhere to park rules and proper safety practices.
6. Uses fertilizers, chemical herbicides and insecticides in maintaining the grounds.
7. Performs other tasks as assigned in safely maintaining all park and public areas of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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## Other Functions

8. None listed.

*An employee in this position may be called upon to do any or all of the above tasks. (These examples do not include all of the tasks which the employees may be expected to perform.)*

## Employment Qualifications

**Education:** High School graduation or equivalent.

**Experience:** Some prior experience desirable in performing a variety of building and grounds maintenance tasks. Prior experience working in a parks operation and dealing with the public preferred.

**Other Requirements:** Possession of a Herbicide/Pesticide Applicator certification desirable. Possession of a valid Michigan Driver's license required.

*The qualifications listed above are intended to represent the minimum skills and experience levels associated with performing the duties and responsibilities contained in this job description. The qualifications should not be viewed as expressing absolute employment or promotional standards, but as general guidelines that should be considered along with other job-related selection or promotional criteria.*

**Physical Requirements:** *[This job requires the ability to perform the essential functions contained in this description. These include, but are not limited to, the following requirements. Reasonable accommodations will be made for otherwise qualified applicants unable to fulfill one or more of these requirements]:*

Ability to travel to the various parks locations.

Ability to walk over uneven terrain in order to inspect parks.

Squatting, stooping, kneeling to inspect park equipment and facilities.

Climbing ladders, scaffolds, trees and stairs to inspect park structures and perform work tasks.

Extensive walking to inspect parks.

Prolonged standing to mow grounds and trim trees and shrubs.

Ability to lift various equipment and supplies weighing up to 80 lbs.

Manual and physical dexterity to operate heavy equipment for extended periods of time.

Ability to operate chain saws, tree trimming equipment and mowers.

Ability to enter and retrieve information from a computer.

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## **Working Conditions:**

Works outside on a regular basis with exposure to various weather conditions.  
Subject to working weekends and holidays and multiple shift schedules.  
Exposure to equipment where risk exists of getting burned, bruised or scraped.  
Exposure to environmental allergens such as grass, weeds and pollens.  
Exposure to gasoline, diesel and combustion fumes.  
Works in confined spaces and in cramped body positions to make repairs.