



Sometimes one of the benefits of a career are the opportunities presented to move into new positions. This may be desirable for financial reasons but it often desirable for more intrinsic value such as to provide new experiences, new challenges and work with a greater variety of tasks and people. Robust career ladder possibilities is considered a high demand career benefit. This variety is available with the Federal Departments of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Agriculture and National Park Service.

Park Ranger

Earnings: \$34,000 yearly (national average) GS-5

Answering visitor questions and providing information

Responsibilities (just a few!):

- Conducting interpretive talks and/or tours
- Presenting educational and interpretive programming
- Performing patrols to check conditions at various areas
- Gathering visitor use data

Education: B.S. degree or associate's degree plus 1 year experience at G-4 preferred, classes in biology, natural resource management, park recreation, conservation, sustainability

Chief Ranger

Earnings: \$65,000 yearly (national average) GS-11

Leads daily operations and directs the completion of duties related to safety, training and leadership

Responsibilities (just a few!):

- Work closely with the park's management team, adjacent land managers and law enforcement staffs from adjacent jurisdictions
- Supervise seasonal law enforcement rangers as well as non-commissioned staff and park volunteers
- Patrol monument lands and investigate of criminal activity, serve violations, and conduct custodial arrests.

Education: Masters degree in directly-related fields such as natural resource management, natural science, earth science, park recreation, law enforcement, etc.

Park Deputy Superintendent

Earnings: \$105,000 yearly (national average) GS-14

Carries out for the superintendent designated phases of management in any field in which the superintendent is formulating and executing operational programs and plans for the park

Responsibilities: (just a few!):

- Assists the superintendent with the full range of planning, directing and organizing development and program controls for the entire park; and for addressing critical management problems and issues, determining objectives, and developing and directing long range planning efforts.
- Represents the superintendent in public contacts and negotiations with representatives of the national park service, other department of the interior bureaus, other federal agencies, park partners, other organizations, and private individuals.

Education: Ph.D. plus 1 year at GS-13