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The **New York State Park Police** provide essential police services consistent with the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's mission - to provide safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities for New York State residents and visitors. State Park Police patrol in marked police cars, four-wheel drive vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, boats, personal water craft, as well as on foot. In addition, State Park Police Officers assist park users, make arrests, conduct criminal and non-criminal investigations, and provide emergency services. State Park Police also provide special services including marine law enforcement and education duties on New York waterways, snowmobile enforcement and education, and rope rescue teams. State Park Police Officers are full time employees; The New York State Park Police does not currently hire part-time Officers or accept transfers from other agencies.

Selection Process

- Competitive written Civil Service examination
- Agility performance test
- Extensive background investigation, including polygraph examination. Conviction of a crime may bar appointment.
- Medical examination, including drug testing subsequent to a conditional offer of employment
- Psychological examination
- Successfully complete a six month residential police basic school

Qualifications (please see the latest exam announcement for more detailed qualifications)

- Must be at least age 20 at time of appointment, and no more than 35 at time of written exam; however, up to 6 years of military active duty credit may be subtracted from the age at the time of the exam;
- Minimum educational credits-60 college credit hours. Two years of active military service with an honorable discharge may be substituted for 30 of the 60 college semester credit hours.
- Must be a United States Citizen and New York State resident at time of appointment, and maintain New York State residency after appointment.
- Must have a valid New York State Drivers License at time of appointment and maintain the license for the duration of employment.
- Distant visual acuity should be correctable to better than, or equal to 20/30 (Snellen) in each eye; if correction is required, distant visual acuity should not be less than 20/100 without correction in each eye.
- Must pass a physical/medical examination.
- Must not have visible tattoos per the Division's Tattoo Policy.

Salary & Benefits

- Current starting salary for a Park Police Officer Trainee, at SG-13 is \$55,179 (Base pay at SG-13 is \$48,104; \$1,500 Marine Off Road Pay; \$3,075 Expanded Duty Pay and a pre-shift estimate of \$2,500). Appointees who work in the five boroughs of New York City or in Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland or Westchester Counties will receive an additional \$1,520 annual downstate adjustment. In addition, appointees who work in the following locations will receive an additional supplemental location pay in the following amounts: Orange, Putnam and Dutchess Counties - \$1,266; the five boroughs of New York City, Rockland and Westchester Counties - \$1,900, and Nassau and Suffolk Counties - \$2,217.
- Candidates are appointed to the New York State Park Police Academy at the SG-13 level and will serve a one year traineeship leading to a SG-14 position. Salaries do not include overtime.
- Retirement is at half pay after 25 years.
- Promotional opportunities by competitive examination processes.
- Accrue 13-24 vacation days per year, 12 holidays, 5 personal leave days, and 13 days paid sick leave/year.
- Excellent health, dental and optical insurance coverage.
- All uniforms and equipment are provided.

Exam

NYS Civil Service has announced an exam date for Park Police Officer Trainee for this fall. Visit the New York State Civil Service website (www.cs.ny.gov) to see the exam posting and online exam registration information.

If you have a specific comment or wish to make a direct inquiry, send an e-mail to: PPOCareers@parks.ny.gov.

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