

Job Opportunity -- Seasonal Patrol Officers at Iowa State Parks (16 locations available)

Position: The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is seeking (18) Seasonal Patrol Officers to work at various state parks across Iowa. The positions are temporary or seasonal employees of the Iowa DNR.

Appointment: Start and end dates are flexible but the typical season runs May through October. Successful candidates must attend a required training May 18-20, 2026.

Job Description: Seasonal Patrol Officers are positions of high responsibility helping to ensure a safe recreational environment for the public at state parks and/or designated off-highway vehicle parks and state parks across Iowa. Hourly compensation: Up to \$16.50/hour, depending on experience

Patrol duties:

- Check compliance with Iowa's parks, fishing, and navigation regulations.
- Ensure compliance with Iowa's off highway vehicle laws.
- Provide public assistance and safety education through personal contacts.
- Respond to scenes of emergency situations including accidents, missing persons, or other calls for assistance. Assess the situation, alert officers and/or other agencies.
- Assist rescue personnel and investigating officers.

Other duties:

- Register campers and maintain park facilities as directed.
- Maintain assigned equipment as directed.
- Complete activity reports, timesheets, citations, and incident reports.
- Participate in public safety education programs.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

No specific education or experience is required. Past experience as a conservation or recreation seasonal or temporary employee within the Department or equivalent position in an outside agency would be beneficial to an applicant. Also, having attended a Seasonal Officer Training through the Department, Reserve Officer Training, or the National Parks Services Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy Training Program would be beneficial to an applicant. Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States and be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must also possess a valid motor vehicle license and submit to clearance of a background check.

To apply

Learn more about each location by using the “**Location**” links below.

To apply, e-mail cover letter and resume to your preferred location/s using the “**Contact**” links in the list below. Include times available for interviewing.

Positions open until filled.

Location	Contact
Big Creek State Park (Polk City)	Big_Creek@dnr.iowa.gov
Black Hawk State Park (Lake View)	Black_Hawk@dnr.iowa.gov
Brushy Creek State Rec Area (Lehigh)	Brushy_Creek@dnr.iowa.gov

Location	Contact
<u>Geode State Park</u> (Danville)	<u>Geode@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>George Wyth State Park</u> (Waterloo)	<u>George_Wyth@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Gull Point State Park</u> (Milford)	<u>Gull_Point@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Lake Anita State Park</u> (Anita)	<u>Lake_Anita@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Lake Macbride State Park</u> (Solon)	<u>Lake_Macbride@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Lake Manawa State Park</u> (Council Bluffs)	<u>Lake_Manawa@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Lake Wapello State Park</u> (Drakesville)	<u>Lake_Wapello@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Ledges State Park</u> (Madrid)	<u>Ledges@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Lewis and Clark State Park</u> (Onawa)	<u>Lewis_and_Clark@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Nine Eagles</u> (Davis City)	<u>Nine_Eagles@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Pilot Knob State Park</u> (Forest City)	<u>Pilot_Knob@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Prairie Rose State Park</u> (Harlan)	<u>Prairie_Rose@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Springbrook State Park</u> (Guthrie Center)	<u>Springbrook@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Stone State Park</u> (Sioux City)	<u>Stone@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Wapsipinicon State Park</u> (Anamosa)	<u>Wapsipinicon@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Wilson Island State Rec Area</u> (Missouri Valley)	<u>Wilson_Island@dnr.iowa.gov</u>
<u>Yellow River State Forest</u> Campground (Harpers Ferry)	<u>YellowRiverForest@dnr.iowa.gov</u>