

Job Opportunity - Seasonal Patrol Officers at Off-Highway Vehicle Parks (4 locations available)

Position: The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is seeking (6) Seasonal Patrol Officers with the Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau. The positions are located at various designated off-highway vehicle 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 the designated off-highway vehicle parks across Iowa. Wage up to \$16.50/hour.

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.
- 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

Candidates are screened and reviewed at the local level. Applicants should email a cover letter and resume to the contact at each location you are interested in serving. Please include available times for interviewing. **Open until filled.**

Location	Contact
Gypsum City OHV Park (Fort Dodge)	Edward.Elkin@dnr.iowa.gov or Matthew.Petersen@dnr.iowa.gov
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