

Job Opportunity - Seasonal Park Employee

Position: The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is seeking seasonal park employees to help serve customers and maintain several Iowa state parks across the state for the 2026 recreation season.

Appointment: Start and end dates are flexible but the typical season runs May through October.

Job Description: Seasonal Park Employees are positions of great importance helping to maintain a pleasant, safe recreational environment for the public at designated state parks and recreation areas across Iowa. Seasonal Park Employees play an integral part in enhancing the visitor experience for those who come to the park.

Salary: Contact individual park office for information.

Duties*:

- Assist visitors by providing park information
- Check campsites, cabins, shelters, and lodge reservations
- Mow and trim grass, repair trails
- Clean comfort stations and shower buildings
- Maintain and repair facilities
- Maintain and operate equipment
- Operate power tools
- Natural resource management (prairie restoration and invasive species removal)

*Duties vary by location. For park specific job duties reach out to the individual park office.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver’s vehicle license.

Preferred Skills:

1. Skills, knowledge, and/or experience associated with general park maintenance tasks (equipment operation, construction, painting, plumbing, carpentry, janitorial).
2. Ability to work as a team and keep on task during times of little to no supervision.
3. Customer relations skills to assist park visitors with various information requests.

To apply

Learn more about each location by using the “PARK” 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.**

PARK	CITY	PHONE	CONTACT
Backbone	Dundee	(563) 924-2527	Backbone@dnr.iowa.gov
Bellevue	Bellevue	(563) 872-4019	Bellevue@dnr.iowa.gov
Black Hawk	Lake View	(712) 657-8712	Black_Hawk@dnr.iowa.gov
Brushy Creek	Lehigh	(515) 543-8298	Brushy_Creek@dnr.iowa.gov
Cedar Rock	Independence	(319) 934-3572	Cedar_Rock@dnr.iowa.gov

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Clear Lake	Clear Lake	(641) 357-4212	Clear_Lake@dnr.iowa.gov
Dolliver Memorial	Lehigh	(515) 359-2539	Dolliver@dnr.iowa.gov
Elk Rock	Knoxville	(641) 842-6008	Elk_Rock@dnr.iowa.gov
Geode	Danville	(319) 392-4601	Geode@dnr.iowa.gov
George Wyth	Waterloo	(319) 232-5505	George_Wyth@dnr.iowa.gov
Gull Point	Milford	(712) 337-3211	Gull_Point@dnr.iowa.gov
Lake Ahquabi	Indianola	(515) 961-7101	Lake_Ahquabi@dnr.iowa.gov
Lake Anita	Anita	(712) 762-3564	Lake_Anita@dnr.iowa.gov
Lake Keomah	Oskaloosa	(641) 673-6975	Lake_Keomah@dnr.iowa.gov
Lake Manawa	Council Bluffs	(712) 366-0220	Lake_Manawa@dnr.iowa.gov
Lake Wapello	Drakesville	(641) 722-3371	Lake_Wapello@dnr.iowa.gov
Lewis & Clark	Onawa	(712) 423-2829	Lewis_and_Clark@dnr.iowa.gov
Maquoketa Caves	Maquoketa	(563) 652-5833	Maquoketa@dnr.iowa.gov
McIntosh Woods	Ventura	(641) 829-3847	McIntosh_Woods@dnr.iowa.gov
Mines of Spain	Dubuque	(563) 556-0620	Mines_of_Spain@dnr.iowa.gov
Palisades-Kepler	Mount Vernon	(319) 895-6039	Palisades_Kepler@dnr.iowa.gov
Pilot Knob	Forest City	(641) 581-4835	Pilot_Knob@dnr.iowa.gov
Pine Lake	Eldora	(641) 858-5832	Pine_Lake@dnr.iowa.gov
Pleasant Creek	Palo	(319) 436-7716	Pleasant_Creek@dnr.iowa.gov
Prairie Rose	Harlan	(712) 773-2701	Prairie_Rose@dnr.iowa.gov
Red Haw	Chariton	(641) 774-5632	Red_Haw@dnr.iowa.gov
Springbrook	Guthrie Center	(641) 747-3591	Springbrook@dnr.iowa.gov
Stone	Sioux City	(712) 255-4698	Stone@dnr.iowa.gov
Volga River	Fayette	(563) 425-4161	Volga_River@dnr.iowa.gov
Walnut Woods	West Des Moines	(515) 285-4502	Walnut_Woods@dnr.iowa.gov
Wapsipinicon	Anamosa	(319) 462-2761	Wapsipinicon@dnr.iowa.gov
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