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Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Career Opportunities





Park Ranger I / II Santa Ana River Bottom Outreach Team

Salary Range \$40,812.93 - \$58,616.06 DOE



RivCoParks

Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District (RivCoParks) formed in 1990 has become a regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs. RivCoParks operates regional parks, campgrounds, nature centers, historic sites, open space reserves, and over 100 miles of trails. Our organization is one of 171 accredited agencies nationally and one of only four in California through the National Park and Recreation Associations Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. Our mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, interpret for the inspiration, use, and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related placed of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance.

As part of our goal to protect our natural resources within Riverside County, RivCoParks is taking the initiative to improve conditions within the Santa Ana River Bottom by providing resources to individuals suffering from homelessness, removing encampments impacting protected species and polluting the river, removing invasive species, improving water quality, and conducting habitat restoration.



The Position

RivCoParks is seeking dynamic, highly motivated, and proactive individuals to fill Park Ranger classifications to participate in our Santa Ana River Bottom Team. Team members will report directly to the Natural Resources Manager overseeing the program. In addition to the essential duties identified in the job description, the new positions will:

- Participate in homeless outreach to deliver resources to individuals suffering from homelessness.
- Provide initial assessment of resources needed including housing, medical or rehabilitation.
- Collaborate with public agencies and providers through various outreach efforts to implement solutions and communicate ongoing progress of program goals.
- Utilize ArcGIS database and collection-based applications to plot encampments, debris, non-native vegetation, illegal vehicles, wildfires, and other related issues.
- Removal of trash and debris from encampments, and non-native vegetation.

The Ideal Candidate

Ideal candidates are individuals that are highly motivated, compassionate, and want to be part of a trailblazing team. Candidates must demonstrate a deep passion for helping individuals suffering from homelessness, respect and treat everyone with dignity, possess a strong work-ethic, and ability to make decisions very quickly in a high-stress environment.

A few reasons you might love this job:

- Opportunity to compassionately support individuals suffering from homelessness
- Enjoying the outdoors and exercising every workday
- Work and network with dedicated professionals with diverse expertise and have a passion for public service
- Supportive and respectful working environment that value work-life balance

A few challenges you might face in this job:

- Fast-paced environment
- Meeting mandated deadlines
- · Cleaning debris and trash from encampments
- Exposure to natural elements including extreme weather conditions, animals, and insects
- Identify ways to meet program goals when individuals experiencing homelessness decline resources offered.

Minimum Qualifications

Ranger I

- Experience: Two years of interacting with the public that included conflict resolution and customer service or customer support. (College coursework from an accredited college or university in public administration, park or recreation management, forestry, botany, environmental science, or a closely related field to the assignment may substitute for the required experience on the basis of 30 semester or 45 quarter units equaling one year of fulltime experience.)
- Knowledge of: Principles and practices of natural resources conservation, park management, and general law enforcement; principles and practices of first aid and safety; methods and materials used in park interpretive programs.
- Ability to: Read, interpret, and enforce appropriate laws and regulations in accordance with County policy; maintain records and prepare clear, complete, and concise reports; speak and write effectively; establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the public and other employees.

Ranger II

- Knowledge of: Principles and practices of natural resources conservation, park management, and general law enforcement; principles and practices of first aid and safety.
- Ability to: Read, interpret, and enforce appropriate laws and regulations in accordance with County policy; maintain records and prepare clear, complete, and concise reports; speak and write effectively; establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the public and other employees.

Option I

• Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in public administration, park or recreation management, forestry, botany, environmental science, or a closely related field to the assignment.

Option II

• Experience: Three years of working in the operations, maintenance, development, or protection of a park, forest, or public recreational or historical area. (College coursework from an accredited college or university in public administration, park or recreation management, forestry, botany, environmental science, or a closely related field may substitute for up to three years of the required experience on the basis of 30 semester or 45 quarter units equaling one year of full-time experience.)

Option III

• Experience: One year as a Park Ranger I with the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District.

Benefits

- Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance Plans
- Retirement and Savings plan
- Health Care Flexible Spending Account
- Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account

- Employee Basic and Additional Life Insurance
- Dependent Additional Life Insurance
- Coverage during Leave of Absence
- Disability Coverage

