



BECOME A WILDERNESS RANGER

SKILLS YOU CAN USE ANYWHERE.
MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.



*"The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness."
-John Muir*

We aren't going to sugar coat this: It's hard work backpacking, clearing trails, and cleaning up campsites. We often work long hours in harsh conditions...***and we love it!***

The Stanislaus National Forest is seeking two dedicated Volunteer Wilderness Rangers to help steward three spectacular Wilderness Areas in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. Rangers will be challenged both mentally and physically while helping to ensure Wilderness remains unspoiled for future generations. Rangers will build both skills and self-reliance that will serve them in any career.

Position Summary: Wilderness Ranger Volunteers maintain trails, contact visitors, cleanup campsites, monitor conditions, and restore damaged areas. The position entails backpacking through roadless mountains on many multi-day trips as part of a team. *Previous experience backpacking is required.*

Applications Due March 11th

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Two Wilderness Rangers use a cross-cut saw to clear trail in remote wilderness.

Ranger Duties

- Patrol wilderness areas for 3 to 9 days at a time, carrying a backpack of 45 pounds, and camping in remote areas.
- Perform trail clearing and maintenance using traditional tools.
- Inform and educate wilderness visitors about minimum impact practices, regulations, and lead by example.
- Cleanup, inventory, and naturalize various campsites in wilderness.
- Remove invasive plants and restore habitat.
- Collect data on resource conditions.
- Work with volunteer groups.

Required Qualifications

- Prior experience in multi-day backpacking in roadless area.
- Ability to carry a 45 pound pack in mountainous terrain for up to 10 miles per day.
- Ability to work well in small groups.
- Good communication skills (for presenting information to visitors).
- Ability to record accurate field notes and write concise reports from them.

Additional Desired Skills & Experience

- CPR certification and/or wilderness medicine certification (e.g. WFA or WFR certification).
- Experience using hand tools like axes & saws.
- Experience presenting to small audiences.
- Experience recording data.
- Experience with Microsoft Office programs.
- Experience working with stock animals.

Location

The Stanislaus National Forest is immediately Northwest of Yosemite National Park, in the central Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. These mountains are renowned for their granite peaks, alpine lakes, and unique beauty. The Stanislaus manages ¼ million acres of Federally-designated Wilderness within the Emigrant, Carson-Iceberg, and Mokelumne Wilderness Areas.

For information on Stanislaus National Forest, visit:

www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus/

For information on the Emigrant, Carson-Iceberg, and Mokelumne Wilderness Areas, visit

www.wilderness.net



Crew members take pride in removing a large log from the trail using only hand tools.



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Training

Volunteer Wilderness Rangers will be provided with training opportunities. These may include:

- Public contact methods
- LNT (Leave No Trace) Trainer certification
- Crosscut saw training
- CPR & First Aid certification
- Trail maintenance training
- Campsite inventory and rehabilitation training

Compensation

Volunteer Wilderness Rangers receive a reimbursement of approximately \$35 per day they are on duty to cover incidental expenses. Rangers should expect to be on duty about 16 days per month, therefore earning about \$560 each month. Rangers will also be reimbursed up to \$400 for travel to and from Pinecrest, CA at the beginning and end of their summer.

Timeframe

Volunteer Wilderness Rangers should be available to work **at least 10 weeks** between late May and early September. Flexibility with beginning / ending dates may be possible.

Housing & Transportation

A shared housing option will be provided at no cost, however a personal vehicle will be required for getting to / from work and for any driving during days off. Government vehicles will be provided for work-related activities.

Equipment

Rangers must have their own multi-day backpack, a daypack, rain gear, outdoor clothing, and sturdy hiking boots. Rangers will be provided with personal protective equipment, hand tools, a radio, and camping gear such as a tent & stove.

Academic Internships & Credits

The Forest will work with internship programs to provide evaluation and documentation for applicable college or university credits. Applicants may be given writing & reading assignments.



To Apply

Please submit the following via email. Priority will be given to applications received by **March 11, 2018**:

- 1) Single page cover letter explaining why you are interested in the position.
- 2) A resume with the following:
 - a) Relevant work experience: include duration of position, part-time/full-time status, and position description.
 - b) Relevant outdoor skills: include backpacking experience; be specific.
 - c) Relevant education: describe related coursework.
- 3) Two references (including at least one former supervisor or employer) whom we can contact. Include their current phone number, email, title, and your connection to them.

Send to:

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