

ABOUT TDEC

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is one of the largest and most diverse agencies in Tennessee State Government. More than 2,900 employees are housed amongst Central Office operations, 8 Environmental Field Offices, 56 State Parks, and a handful of other remote locations including the Fleming Training Center, the Oak Ridge Office, and the West Tennessee River Basin Authority.

TDEC operates on a nearly \$400 million dollar annual budget and provides services ranging from monitoring air quality data loggers to providing local parks and recreation grants. Work is divided amongst three major program areas Environment, Conservation, and Administration with an emphasis in environmentally regulatory and public health programs; parks management and natural heritage conservation; and department-wide support respectively.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH TDEC

TDEC is one of the most diverse, dynamic departments in state government. We are seeking employees with the skills, abilities, character and experience to make a positive difference in the quality of life for citizens and communities across Tennessee.

Types of career opportunities at TDEC include Biologist, Chemist, Ecologist, Geologist, Health Physicist, Engineer, Environmental Scientist, Civil Engineer, Park Ranger, Human Resources Administrator, Recreation Administrator, Natural Resources Manager, Attorney, Communication Specialist, Accountant, Archaeologist, and Marketing Specialist.

To learn about TDEC career opportunities visit our website at www.tn.gov/environment. Select "About" and then "Employment".

<https://www.tn.gov/hr/js1/employment-opportunities.html>



TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

Tennessee State Parks were originally established in 1937 to protect and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic resources of Tennessee. Encompassing approximately 240,000 acres across Tennessee, the 56 state parks and 85 natural areas include rustic, natural, and historic sites as well as resort parks with six inns, eight restaurants, four marinas and the nine golf courses on the Tennessee Golf Trail. In 2017 alone over 37 million people visited Tennessee State Parks.

Tennessee State Parks operates in many capacities – from guiding resource management practices and serving on special operations teams to being a powerful economic driver for Tennessee. Tennessee State Parks creates direct and indirect employment in many rural areas where jobs are needed most and options for significant private sector investment and growth may be limited.

In 1993, Tennessee passed legislation authorizing private, non-profit groups to organize for “maintaining and enhancing the purposes, programs and functions of the state park system”. These groups, more commonly known as Friends, are concerned citizens who have banded together to assist in protecting, preserving and promoting the beauty and the splendor of their favorite state park. Currently, there are 45 active and established Friends groups.

With the recent launch of the Tennessee State Park Conservancy, a 501©(3), funds that are raised by corporations, foundations, and individuals will be distributed on a grants-based system to the 56 State Parks for educational programs, health initiatives, and special parks projects.

For more information about Tennessee State Parks visit TDEC’s website:

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/tennessee-state-parks.html>

Education:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor’s degree in Natural Resources, Forestry, Wildlife Biology, Parks and Recreation Management, Hospitality Management, Business, Communications, Marketing or History.

Career Opportunities:

Tennessee State Parks offers a variety of entry level career opportunities: Park Ranger, Seasonal Interpretive Recreator, Park Interpretive Specialists, Parks and Conservation Program Specialist, Marketing, Hospitality, and Food and Beverage.

