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Park Ranger, Wilderness First Responder

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SUMMARY

Park ranger with 6 years across 2 state parks, including 3 seasonal summers and 3 years in a permanent post. Patrols 22 miles of trail and a 180-site campground, leads 4 public programs a week in peak season and has answered 60+ medical and lost-visitor calls. Wilderness First Responder and certified interpretive guide.

EXPERIENCE

Park Ranger — Cypress Bend State Park

Bastrop, TX · Mar 2023 – Present

- Patrol 22 miles of trail, 3 day-use areas and a 180-site campground on foot and by truck, logging hazards in the park's work order system.
- Answered 60+ medical, lost-visitor and wildlife calls in 3 years, coordinating with county EMS and search teams on 7 of them.
- Lead 4 interpretive programs a week from May to September, reaching about 3,500 visitors a year with bird walks and night-sky talks.
- Mapped 14 erosion sites with GPS and photos after spring floods, giving maintenance the data to rebuild 2 trail sections in 1 season.

Seasonal Park Ranger — Pecan Hollow State Park

Wimberley, TX · May 2020 – Sep 2022

- Staffed the entrance station on 3 summer seasons, checking permits and collecting fees for up to 900 vehicles on holiday weekends.
- Explained fire bans and quiet hours to campers on nightly rounds, cutting repeat noise complaints to fewer than 1 a week by the third season.
- Trained 6 new seasonal aides on radio procedure, fee handling and the lost-child response in their first 2 weeks.

SKILLS

Visitor safety: Trail and campground patrol, emergency response, search support, fire ban enforcement, radio procedure

Interpretation: Guided walks, campfire talks, school programs, exhibit text, bilingual visitor help (English and Spanish)

Resource protection: Erosion monitoring, invasive plant removal, wildlife reporting, GPS mapping, ArcGIS Field Maps

Operations: Fee collection, reservation system, incident reports, work orders, 4x4 and UTV operation

CERTIFICATIONS

Wilderness First Responder (WFR)

Certified Interpretive Guide (National Association for Interpretation)

S-130/S-190 Wildland Firefighter Training

EDUCATION

B.S. Wildlife Ecology, Texas Hill Country University, 2020

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