State Park Peace Officer Cadet (Ranger/Lifeguard)

Recruitment Timeline

**Current Year**

**Spring**
Application period opens!

*Tip:* Print a test page of your application and review it before.

*Note:* All Applications must be submitted via postal mail.

**June**
Deadline to submit applications

**September - October**
Physical Agility Test and P.O.S.T Written Exam

*Tip:* Visit our website to see how you can prepare!

**December — March**
Background Investigations conducted

*Note:* candidates will receive packets after successfully passing PATs same day.

**Following Year**

**May — August**
Medical and Psychological assessments

**October — June**
Cadet Academy

*Note:* The academy typically takes 30 - 35 weeks to complete. Cadets receive paid trainings and benefits!

*Note: The entire application process from start to finish takes about 18 months.*

Interested applicants can send questions and ride along requests to recruiting@parks.ca.gov.

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**Requirements**

- 60 semester units of college
  
  (21 general education)
- Valid California driver’s license
- 18 years of age
- 20/20 vision or 20/40 corrected vision
- U.S. citizen (or in process)
- Pass a comprehensive background investigation
- Must be able pass physical agility test
  
  (visit our website to see how you can prepare!)
- 6 months open water lifeguard experience
  
  (Lifeguard cadet specific)

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**Salary**

- Cadet (Ranger & Lifeguard): $3,741.00 - $5,045.00
- Ranger or Lifeguard: $4,762.00 - $6,977.00
- Supervisor I (Ranger & Lifeguard): $5,778.00 - $7,852.00
- Supervisor II (Lifeguard only): $6,325.00 - $8,619.00

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**Benefits**

- Health, dental and vision for you and your family!
- Retirement! Pay differentials! Housing (certain locations)! Work-life balance! And much more!

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Join the Parks Family in this rewarding and exciting career in law enforcement!