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OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT IN LITTLE ROCK PARKS BY RECRUITING AND TRAINING VOLUNTEER PARK RANGERS TO ACT AS AMBASSADORS OF THE CITY RESULTING IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PARK EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS AND CITIZENS.



THE NEED



Green spaces – particularly city parks – are underutilized and, in some cases, in need of maintenance and preservation. With limited resources, Little Rock Parks and Recreation oversees and maintains in excess of 6,100 developed and undeveloped acres of land devoted to parks which all have different and unique needs. Volunteer Park Rangers support and enhance public awareness of our unique and valuable eco-systems in our city parks.



VOLUNTEER PARK RANGERS

Little Rock citizen-volunteers offer their assistance in maintaining and renewing Little Rock's park assets and volunteer at least four hours a week. They will receive formal, on-the-job training in dealing with:

- the public
- park area orientation
- park patrol procedures
- EMS “first responder” training
- CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators
- participate in public engagement training
- training in flora and fauna identification

Rangers will be issued and wear a uniform and appropriate equipment which will be provided by the city. As Ambassadors of the city, they will maintain a high level of public service, reliability, integrity and ethics. Volunteer Park Rangers will be trained to identify and communicate routine and emergency park maintenance needs to Little Rock Parks and Recreation staff.

We also offer a group Park Ranger program for people who are on the go but still want to better their community. The group still receives all of the benefits of being an individual Park Ranger, but the individual does not have to commit four hours per week. Instead, ambassadors in the group may rotate their time based on their schedule.

APPLICATION PROCESS & TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Park Ranger, please send an e-mail of interest to parkranger@littlerock.org and fill out an online volunteer application at lrpr.org.

After participating in an orientation and training program, you will be responsible for following all Little Rock Parks and Recreation policies and procedures. Assignments can be arranged around your personal interests, talents and skills. But it's also important to be open to new ideas and procedures. You will learn all the specific details in the initial training class.

**WE NEED YOU!
BE A VOLUNTEER PARK RANGER!**

