



Madison Rowlands - 49

“ I love the outdoors and have never been able to sit still. This job has me all over the park, managing operations, keeping wildlife records, inspecting trails and bridges, and scheduling tours and events. 15 years into the job, I'm still learning and have the privilege of training the new generation of park rangers.

Teaching visitors about the unique plants, habitats, and wildlife that make up the park never gets old, and I get to proudly share the history of the park and our conservation efforts as a team. The people and the backdrop are why I keep coming back.

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Occupation:

Park Ranger

Salary:

\$53,306

Education:

Bachelor's Degree

Job Description:

Park Naturalists plan, develop, and conduct programs to inform public of historical, natural, and scientific features of national, state, or local park.*



*Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Job Description:

SOC Code: 19-1031

Top Job Skills:

- Customer service
- Filing documents
- Lawn maintenance
- Maintains records
- Raking

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Plan special events
 - Develop educational programs
 - Compile geographic or related data
- Interacting With Others
 - Provide technical information or assistance to public
 - Train personnel to enhance job skills
 - Train staff members
 - Care for animals
- Information Input
 - Conduct historical research
 - Monitor animal behavior or condition
 - Collect information from people through observation, interviews, or surveys
 - Measure different environmental characteristics
- Work Output
 - Document evidence or events, using photographic or audiovisual equipment

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

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Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.onet.org).

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JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$52,520 - \$89,810



Projected Growth

34/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

230



Required Education

Bachelor's Degree



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Typically
Requires None

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Midlands
- Trident
- Worklink
- Upper Savannah
- Lower Savannah

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- PARKS & RECREATION
- City of Columbia, SC
- City of North Charleston, SC

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Conservation Scientists
- Forest and Conservation Technicians
- Range Managers
- Recreation Workers
- Tour Guides and Escorts
- Foresters

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.