

Each year, between May and September, the New Jersey State Park Service hires approximately 700 seasonal staff to fill peak-season jobs at New Jersey’s parks, forests, recreation areas and historic sites.

No experience necessary to apply. Salaries for most positions start at \$15.00 per hour. The minimum age to apply is 16 years old.

Interested in applying? [Click here](#) to submit an application for one of the positions listed below.

For information on full time employment with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, visit nj.gov/dep/jobs.

2023 Lifeguard Test Dates

Northern Region

Saturday, May 6

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Kittatinny Regional High School
77 Halsey Road, Newton, NJ 07860

Saturday, May 13

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Kittatinny Regional High School
77 Halsey Road, Newton, NJ 07860

Saturday, June 3

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Kittatinny Regional High School
77 Halsey Road, Newton, NJ 07860

Saturday, June 10

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Kittatinny Regional High School
77 Halsey Road, Newton, NJ 07860

Central Region

Saturday, May 6

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Raritan Valley Community College
118 Lamington Rd, Branchburg, NJ 08876

Saturday, May 13

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Raritan Valley Community College
118 Lamington Rd, Branchburg, NJ 08876

Saturday, May 20

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Raritan Valley Community College
118 Lamington Rd, Branchburg, NJ 08876

Saturday, June 3

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Southern Region

Saturday, April 22

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Ocean City Aquatic & Fitness Center
1735 Simpson Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Sunday, May 21

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Ocean City Aquatic & Fitness Center
1735 Simpson Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Island Beach State Park

Saturday, April 29

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Ocean County YMCA
1088 W Witty Road, Toms River, NJ 08755

Saturday, May 6

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
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Available Positions



Lifeguards

Lifeguard positions are anticipated at several swimming areas across the state.

Starting Salary \$17.50 per hour in most areas, oceanfront guards at Island Beach State Park start at \$18.50 per hour.



Visitor Service Assistants

Visitor Service Assistants provide accurate information to visitors at various facilities, patrol grounds and collect gatehouse fees.

Starting Salary \$15 per hour



Junior Lifeguards

Junior lifeguards are hired at 15 years old and will work on skills training, giving new recruits a head start on their training. Junior lifeguards cannot perform lifeguard duties for the public until age 16.

Starting Salary \$16 per hour



General Maintenance Personnel

General maintenance personnel are the backbone of the State Park Service and help to maintain grounds, buildings and remove litter.

Starting Salary \$15 per hour

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[Naturalists and History Educators](#)

Naturalists and history educators work with park naturalists and historians at interpretive centers to educate visitors.

Starting Salary \$15 per hour

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[Office Personnel](#)

Office personnel help register campers, answer phone calls and perform other customer service duties as requested by the park superintendent.

Starting Salary \$15 per hour

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