



Volunteer Job Description

National Park Service – San Juan Island NHP

Job Title: Park Watch

Name of VIP:

Supervisor: Barry Lewis, Chief Ranger

Location: Throughout the park

Project Duration: Ongoing **Hours:** **Week** **Month:** **Year:**

Description of Duties:

The primary duty of this position is to assist in the protection of park natural, cultural, historical, and human resources. The volunteer achieves park resource and visitor protection through an active program of patrolling park lands and boundaries to detect any evidence of illegal and suspicious activities. The volunteer may perform patrols on foot, bicycle, horseback, or by vehicle. The volunteer primarily serves as “eyes and ears” and reports observations to the on duty Law Enforcement Ranger. Informs the wide variety of park visitors of the laws and regulations and provides information on the park and its resources during informal, non-enforcement contacts. The purpose of contacts with visitors is to provide information and to answer questions about the park resources and laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to the protection of those resources. The volunteer is not to confront or approach suspects or violators. This position is of a sensitive nature and the incumbent holds a high degree of public trust while completing the duties described above.

Benefits to VIP:

Satisfaction knowing you helped protect the national park and have assisted visitors in their enjoyment of the park.

Goal/Outcome of Job:

The goal is to protect park resources and assist visitors.

Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:

1. Knowledge of national park service regulations and policies in connection with the protection and safe use of the natural, cultural, and human resources within the park.
 2. Knowledge and skills related to patrol and surveillance techniques, violation recognition, observation and description, and radio procedures.
 3. Skills in working and dealing with people.
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Special Requirements:

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

The volunteer is required to complete orientation before patrolling on his/her own. Orientation will include classroom instruction, a ride-along with a Park Ranger for a minimum of 2 hours. Continuing education will be provided one to two times annually.

The volunteer must enjoy spending time in the national park and interacting with park visitors.