

PARKS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

(Equipment Operator)

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to operate heavy motorized equipment used in the construction and repair of parks, to serve as a crew leader on various small projects; to perform specialized maintenance and construction work on grounds and trails; assist in the supervision of volunteer groups; apply pesticides as required (under state and federal rules and regulations); and to do related work.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Operates heavy motorized equipment including motor graders, bulldozers, large capacity loaders, backhoes, road rollers, snow plows, tractors, crawler shovels, chip spreaders, large mowing units, large dump trucks, skid steer loaders, trucks with and without trailers, trail groomers, stump routers, wood splitters, and other similar equipment of comparable size and complexity; also operates small equipment such as chain saws, power tools, hand tools, brush cutter, spray units, skill saws, weed trimmers, fertilizer and seed spreaders; makes excavations, digs ditches, cuts road grades, rolls asphalt for road construction or repair; hauls dirt, gravel, rock, sand or other materials used on construction or repair jobs; plows snow and applies ice control materials; may direct central grounds maintenance, trail maintenance, and volunteer crews which includes planning, training, assigning and monitoring the work and assigning the proper equipment for mowing, trimming, landscaping, erosion control, mulching, debris and refuse removal, trail grooming, snow plowing, leveling, signing, mapping, construction of trails, pesticide application; including coordinating projects with operations manager, and naturalist; sees that equipment is serviced with gas, oil, water and lubricants; may be responsible for scheduling and monitoring routine maintenance and minor repairs; performs or assists with manual work in maintenance or construction, including some concrete and asphalt work, building repair, tree planting, etc.; performs welding; serves as a crew leader in various repair and construction projects; is responsible for adherence to safety rules and regulations; maintains records on work completed, equipment, users, revenue collected and enforcement; may perform park manager duties including revenue collection, public contact, building and grounds maintenance; may inspect and review snow mobile trails for signage, construction and grooming.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and Experience: Must be able to read and write and have any combination equivalent to two years of experience in landscaping, construction or mechanical repair work. Must have two years of experience in the operation of heavy equipment and be able to demonstrate the ability to act as a lead worker and one year additional experience in

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maintaining and constructing various trails such as ski, hiking, biking, horse, nature, snowmobile, etc., may be required.

Knowledges and Abilities: Knowledge of traffic regulations as they apply to heavy motorized construction and maintenance equipment; knowledge of the methods, materials and equipment used in the construction and repair of parks, asphalt, concrete and gravel roads; knowledge of landscaping and plant materials; knowledge of the methods and equipment used in grounds maintenance; knowledge of trail maintenance, construction and signing techniques; knowledge of snowmobile and ski trail grooming techniques; knowledge of chemical spraying; knowledge of safety and occupational hazards; skill in operating heavy equipment such as in cutting to grade, moving earth, grading and rolling road surfaces; ability to service and to make minor repairs and adjustments to equipment; ability to do heavy manual work; ability to do minor welding; ability to make building repairs; ability to direct and assign the work of others; ability to communicate tactfully and courteously with the public and fellow workers; ability to work alone in a variety of extreme climatic conditions; ability to engage in strenuous physical activity; ability to identify native and non-native plants; ability to recognize turf problems, erosion control, etc., associated with grounds and trails and recommend solutions to problems.

Licenses or other Requirements: Must have (or be eligible for) a valid Wisconsin class "A" commercial driver's license. May need Pesticide Applicators Permit. May be scheduled to work some weekends, nights, and holidays on a limited basis.