



# FAQ'S ABOUT WORKING IN RECREATION & PARKS

## Are there only seasonal jobs available in recreation & parks?

**NO!** While there are summer, winter, and seasonal jobs, many jobs in the sector are full-time and year-round, focusing on planning and maintaining programs, facilities and much more!

## Do I need a recreation degree to work in recreation & parks?

**NO!** Many careers in the industry require shorter training and certifications compared to other sectors— there are also many pathways to enter the sector.

## What types of jobs are available in the recreation and parks sector?

Jobs range from front-line positions like recreation coordinators, park rangers, and lifeguards to administrative and leadership roles such as program directors, park planners, and facility managers.

## What age do I need to be to work in recreation and parks?

The minimum age depends on the specific job, location, and employer. Many parks and recreation departments hire teens as young as 15 or 16, especially for seasonal roles.

## Do recreation and park jobs involve a lot of physical activity?

The level of physical activity varies depending on the role. Roles like maintenance and lifeguarding require movement, while administrative roles are less physical.

## What does a typical work schedule look like?

It depends on the role! Some jobs follow regular Monday–Friday office hours, while others may require evenings, weekends, and holidays.

## How do I find job openings in parks and recreation?

Check municipal websites, provincial online job boards (ex. our job board), non profit and community organization websites, and attend local job fairs.

## Can I transition into this field from another industry?

**Yes!** Transferable skills like leadership, communication, and organization are valuable in recreation and parks roles.

## Are recreation and parks jobs only in provincial and national parks?

**NO!** Recreation and parks also include recreation centres, green spaces, cemeteries, playgrounds, and more!

## Why should I consider a career in recreation and parks?

- Make a difference in your community
- There is a role to match every passion & interest
- There are options to accommodate various schedules and lifestyles
- Opportunities for career advancement

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