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# Recreation & Parks



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## Park Rangers



To contact our Park Rangers or to submit your Comments & Suggestions, please send an e-Mail to: [park.patrol@sfgov.org](mailto:park.patrol@sfgov.org) or call (415)242-6390

### History

William Hammond Hall, San Francisco's first Superintendent of Parks, established the Park Guard in 1874. San Francisco Parks have had their own special security unit since that time. From the beginning, Hall recognized that the park's own officers could serve the public in a way that could not be provided by the regular city police.

### The Force

Today's Park Ranger continue a long lived tradition of serving the general public and all visitors to our parks. Their roles are similar to what in other cities are known as Park Police.

### Coverage

Our Patrol Officers visit and respond to calls at our 230 Recreation and Park facilities situated on 3,400 acres of land throughout the City & County of San Francisco. These include Neighborhood Parks, Playgrounds, Recreation Centers, Playing Fields, Natural Areas, Tennis Courts, Golf Courses, Park Stadiums and Administrative Park Offices.

### Duties

Their duties and responsibilities include Patrolling Park Areas, Perform Security Checks, Enforce Park Codes, Issue Citations, Respond to Park Facility Burglar Alarms, Apprehend in Crime Intervention, Aid Emergency Services Personnel (Police, Fire, and Paramedics), Monitor for Public Safety Hazards, Monitor to Protect Park Wildlife, Assist in other Temporary Emergency Situations including Road Closures & Blockades.

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