



TCHS Graduates Who Are Fish and Game Wardens

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A Day in the Life of a Fish and Game Warden

Fish and Game Wardens enforce fishing, hunting, and boating laws. They patrol hunting and fishing areas, conduct search and rescue operations, investigate complaints and accidents, and educate the public about laws pertaining to their environment. They also investigate reports of damage to crops or property by wildlife and compile biological data.

As a Fish and Game Warden, you will spend most of your day out of doors as you patrol an assigned area by car, boat, airplane, horse, or on foot. You will investigate hunting accidents, fish and game law violations, and other incidents. You may need to respond to violations such as poaching or driving or boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You will serve warrants, make arrests, and preserve evidence for court actions. You may also be called upon to relocate wildlife to a safe distance from areas frequented by humans. You may also inspect commercial operations relating to fish, wildlife, or protected areas. You will promote fishing, hunting, and trapper safety training and address schools and groups to educate people about wildlife conservation and regulations. You will be called upon to use defense tactics and to operate firearms and dart guns; you will need to be in excellent physical condition.

Jobs In This Career

State Government (OES Designation)

5100

Local Government (OES Designation)

540

Qualifications for employment include a combination of education, certification by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.), medical standards, and physical skills.

Degree and Certification Requirements

- Have an associate's degree from a technical college in a field such as Wildlife Management, Criminal Justice, or Forestry
- Have P.O.S.T. certification
- Be knowledgeable about hunting, fishing, boating, and other outdoor activities
- Be at least 21 years old
- Be a US citizen
- Hold or be eligible to obtain a valid Georgia driver's license

Medical/Physical Requirements

- Vision – corrected to no worse than 20/40 in each eye
- Hearing – no significant hearing loss
- Physical skills – $\frac{3}{4}$ mile run, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile obstacle run, 50-yard swim fully clothed
- Medical examination – complete physical including laboratory analysis and emotional stability

Other Requirements

- Background investigation
- No convictions punishable by imprisonment
- Successful completion of a polygraph examination regarding substance abuse and criminal activity

Job Openings

Lower than Average
Growth Rate: 1.5%

Salary Expectations

Starting = \$26,000
Average = \$37,000
Top = \$54,000