



# What Can I Do With a Major In NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATION & TOURISM

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*The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.  
Some of the options listed below may require additional training.  
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.*

## Description of Natural Resources Recreation & Tourism

The Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism major prepares students to work in environmental settings (of natural, cultural, and/or historical significance) that provide natural resource recreation and/or tourism opportunities. The curriculum provides a solid understanding of the environmental, economic, political, and social factors influencing recreation development and management.

Employment opportunities for graduating students include tourism development, protected area management, environmental education (with schools), environmental interpretation (with agencies), park management, and recreation/tourism planning. Potential employers include local/county, state, and national parks/forests, public, private and not-for-profit nature centers, adventure and wilderness programs, environmental education centers, wildlife sanctuaries and preserves, and nature-based tourism and outdoor recreation organizations (public and private).

## Possible Job Titles of Natural Resources Recreation & Tourism Graduates

Adventure Travel Coordinator	Naturalist	Recreation Coordinator
Camp Director	Nature Interpreter	Recreation Facility Director
Community Center Director	Outdoor Educator	Recreation Leader
Convention Manager	Outdoor Recreation Manager	Recreation Specialist
Environmental Educator	Park Manager/Ranger	Small Business Owner
Event Manager/Planner	Planning Director	Tour Guide
Human Dimensions Consultant	Program Leader	Tourism & Commercial Sales
Museum Curator	Project Manager	Travel Guide

## **To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:**

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O\*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

**\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

## Possible Employment Settings of Natural Resources Recreation & Tourism Majors

Adventure Travel/Tour Companies	Historic Parks/Sites	Resorts/Hotel/Cruise Lines
Boy/Girl Scouts of America	National Park Service	School/University Systems
Bureau of Land Management	National/State Parks	Small Business Development
Camps	Nature Centers	State Depts. of Natural Resources
City and County Leisure Services	Nonprofit Institutions	Tennessee Valley Authority
Community Recreation Depts.	Parks & Recreation Centers	US Forest Service
Convention Centers	Peace Corps	Wilderness Programs
County Parks & Recreation	Recreation Outfitters	YMCA/YWCA

## Career Center Library Resources for Natural Resources Recreation & Tourism Majors

*2004 Federal Employment from A to Z* by Federal Research Service

*Outdoor Careers: 2nd Edition* by Shenk, Ellen

*Careers in Focus: Travel and Hospitality* by Ferguson

## **Campus Resources**

**Warnell School Student Organizations:** <http://www.warnell.uga.edu/h/campuslife/h/campuslife/organizations>

Natural Resources Recreation & Tourism Society \*New

University of Georgia Herpetological Society

The Wildlife Society

## **Strategies**

- Practice excellent communication skills.
- Develop physical stamina, outdoor skills and comfort being in close proximity with large and small animals.
- Advanced degrees are often required in these positions, especially for research and teaching.
- Gain extensive laboratory and research experience.
- Become familiar with federal job application procedure for government work.
- Gain work experience in area of interest through internships, summer jobs, or part-time work.
- Be prepared to relocate to areas with abundant natural resources.

## **Employment Websites**

**Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources Job Site**

<http://jobs.forestry.uga.edu/>

**Environmental Jobs and Careers**

<http://www.ejobs.org/>

**Making the Difference (Federal Jobs & Internships)**

<http://www.makingthedifference.org>

**Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia**

<http://www.eealliance.org/jobs.htm>

**North American Association for Environmental Education**

<http://www.eelink.net/ejobsdatabase.html>

**National Association for Interpretation**

<http://www.interpnet.com/>

## **Additional Resources for Natural Resource Recreation & Tourism Majors**

**Great Outdoor Recreation Pages**

<http://www.gorp.com/default.htm>

**American Association for Leisure and Recreation**

<http://www.aahperd.org/index.html>

**ActiveParks.org**

<http://www.activeparks.org/>

**American Therapeutic Recreation Association**

<http://www.atra-tr.org>

**Environmental Careers Organization**

<http://www.eco.org>

**USDA Forest Service**

<http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/>

**National Recreation and Park Association**

<http://www.nrpa.org/>

**National Association of Recreation Resource Planners**

<http://www.narrp.org/>

**American Recreation Coalition**

<http://www.funoutdoors.com/arc>