



WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

WARDEN RECRUITMENT



Conservation wardens enjoy a career with a view in all seasons. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

We Are Hiring!

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting applications for the 2024 class of Conservation Wardens through May 4.

Join the team protecting Wisconsin's natural resources and the people who depend on them.

DNR conservation wardens are credentialed law enforcement officers stationed statewide, serving rural and urban communities. Wardens enforce laws that protect fish and wildlife, the environment, state parks and forests, and outdoor

recreation enthusiasts. This year's warden opportunities will include major state park and forest assignments throughout the state.

The DNR will hire approximately 10 full-time wardens for the upcoming class who will begin training in January 2024 or April 2024, depending on the applicant's prior law enforcement experience. Applicants must:

- Be at least age 21 upon hire.
- Already have earned or plan to earn at least 60 college credits within their first five years of being hired.

Conservation wardens also serve as ambassadors and educators, teaching the public about natural resources, outdoor safety, and environmental conservation.

The warden career offers opportunities to protect the state's natural resources, build relationships, and serve our communities in unique and essential ways.

Learn More And Apply

[Learn more about this remarkable career.](#) You can also watch a previously recorded webinar covering the day-to-day work of a conservation warden on the [DNR's YouTube channel](#) and view a [new webinar about the warden hiring and training process.](#)

Apply at [Wisc.Jobs](#) and search for Job IDs **9980** and **9990**. One job posting is for a statewide Conservation Warden recruitment that will be used to fill multiple vacancies across the state (9980). Applicants with or without prior law enforcement training or experience can apply for this posting. The other posting is specific to a Conservation Warden position at Devils Lake State Park (9990). For this posting, applicants need to have current law enforcement certifications to apply.

[Contact a warden recruiter](#) to learn more about the career and answer your questions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A WARDEN

Working For The DNR

The DNR employs a large, diverse workforce throughout our state. We seek employees with a strong customer service philosophy and an attitude of helpfulness.

Since 1879, conservation wardens have been proudly protecting the people and natural resources of Wisconsin. Our conservation wardens are certified law enforcement officers who patrol statewide day and night, investigate natural resource-related violations, and ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the outdoors. Conservation wardens use education, enforcement and community involvement to accomplish their duties and promote the conservation ethic. The

conservation warden career is both unique and rewarding, and requires candidates with a passion for helping others, communication skills and an appreciation for the outdoors.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HIRING PROCESS](#)

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**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Diversity & Inclusion Statement:**

The Division of Public Safety and Resource Protection is responsible for protecting natural resources, which are essential for the lives, health and happiness of every person in Wisconsin. We are committed to creating a culture of inclusivity, building trusting relationships, and thoughtfully engaging and serving our diverse public.



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