



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
**NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

## Compensation

- \$27.22 Hourly rate with annual increases
- Uniform and Fitness Incentives

## Benefits

- Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance.
- Wellness incentives.
- Ohio Public Employee Retirement System - Law Enforcement.
- Annual paid leave benefits, including vacation, personal, and sick.
- Education opportunities and reimbursements.

# Becoming A Natural Resources Officer



## Safeguard Ohio's natural treasures as a Natural Resources Officer.

- Uphold the law and serve the public with a job that keeps you outdoors and on your toes.
- Ideal candidates are self-driven, people-oriented, and service-minded individuals seeking a challenging but rewarding career.
- Work in state parks, forests, waterways, and other natural areas.
- Natural resources require natural problem solvers.

## Training

- 22 Weeks paid cadet training. (\$21.72 Hourly Rate)
- In-Residence Ohio Peace Officer's Training.
- Meals and uniforms provided.



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Natural Resources Officer Cadets receive extensive law enforcement training in order to prepare for a career as a Natural Resources Officer. Cadets attend an in-resident training academy for approximately 6 months. After graduating, cadets are promoted to the Natural Resources Officer position and continue to receive additional on-the-job training. Natural Resources Officers are commissioned peace officers with primary responsibilities in the following areas:

- **Law Enforcement and Public Service:** As a Natural Resources Officer, you will be responsible for patrolling and enforcing laws on all waters of the state as well as state park, state forest, scenic river, and natural areas and preserve properties. Natural Resources Officers enforce laws on ODNR property to not only keep users of the natural resources safe but also to preserve Ohio's natural resources for future generations.
- **Education and Public Relations:** Natural Resources Officers teach the public as well as other recreational and conservation groups in formal as well as casual settings. They provide media interviews promoting an array of educational information for boating safety and natural resources conservation. The ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft is the lead agency for Ohio maritime security and instructs other state, county and municipal agencies in maritime law enforcement.
- **Emergency Response:** The ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft supports emergency operations during flooding, natural disasters, search and rescue situations, and recovery situations.

## Minimum Qualifications

- Completion of associate core program in a natural resources area (parks and recreation, forestry, fisheries, wildlife, environmental, conservation biology, natural science (e.g. biology, geology, wildlife, botany, ecology, agronomy), or criminal justice/law enforcement) OR 18 months training/experience in a natural resources area (parks and recreation, forestry, fisheries, wildlife, environmental, conservation biology, or criminal justice/law enforcement) ) OR 18 months experience in the United States military (e.g., US Army Military Police (Provost Marshal) or Criminal Investigation Division, US Air Force Security Forces or Office of Special Investigations, US Navy Master-at-Arms or Naval Criminal Investigative Service; US Marine Corps Military Police or Criminal Investigation Division, Army Counter Intelligence, US Coast Guard Investigative Services)
- Valid driver's license
- Must be at least 21 years of age upon completion of the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Course per Section 124.41 of Ohio Revised Code
- Must be able to continuously swim 300 yards in 12 minutes or less; continuously tread water for 5 minutes; and perform surface dive and retrieve object at a depth of 9 feet of water from treading water position
- Must be a U.S. Citizen

**NOTE:** Applicant must successfully pass a background check by appointing authority, which includes polygraph, psychological and medical examination. Per Article 31.05 of Unit 2 Contract, applicant must be able to perform the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program (OPOTC) Fitness Testing Entry Standards For New Recruits. Applicants accepted for these positions will be required to submit to urinalysis to test for illegal drug use prior to appointment. An applicant with positive test results will not be offered employment per Section 123:1-76-09 Ohio Administrative Code.