



# Howard County RECREATION & PARKS

## HOWARD COUNTY PARK RANGER RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    **First**                                    **Middle**                                    **Last**                                    **DOB**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

What dates and times are you available?

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### **Procedures for Ride-Along Program**

1. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed Ride-Along Application, Howard County Recreation and Parks Volunteer Agreement and Volunteer Application. Refusal to complete these forms, or false statements of any nature of the same, will disqualify that person from participation in the program. The request to ride form must be turned in to the Park Ranger Section two (2) weeks prior to the first requested date of participation. Exceptions may be made for special situations requiring shorter notice, as long as other procedures are followed. Special situations may include out of state visitors or criminal justice personnel.
2. Civilian ride-alongs will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months, without prior approval of the Park Ranger Supervisor.
3. Participants must obey the orders and instructions given by the Park Ranger to whom they are assigned.
4. Participants must not leave the patrol vehicle unless instructed to do so by the Park Ranger.
5. The participant will provide his/her own transportation to and from the Howard County Park Ranger Section Headquarters or other specified location agreed to by Park Ranger.
6. Ride along tours usually last two (2) to four (4) hours; however, either the Park Ranger or the rider may terminate the tour at any time.
7. Applicants will be notified by a Senior Park Ranger after filing the written application request form. At that time, the ride will be scheduled and/or confirmed, or denied.

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8. The applicant's participation is a privilege and not a right. The basic premise of the ride along program is to establish rapport with the rangers and learn about the functional duties of Howard County Park Rangers.
9. All participants must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in incidents they may witness or sensitive information they may hear or observe. The observer will be considered a confidant of the Park Ranger Section and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential.
10. Tape recorders and cameras will not be permitted while participating in the program, unless express permission is granted by the Park Ranger Supervisor. The act of publication of a ride-along through social media is prohibited.
11. All participants with Howard Community College will have their Service Learning Hours Log signed by the Park Ranger assigned to the ride-along.

I have read the Ride-Along Procedures, understand them and agree to abide by them. I also give Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks permission to do a background check prior to my volunteer assignment. I understand that my volunteer service is contingent upon receiving satisfactory background check results.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***FOR OFFICE USE ONLY***

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Background Check Completed:  ( 1 2 3 )

Approved: YES  NO  Reason Why: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranger Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Times Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Notified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranger Comments (*required*):

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Is there any reason why this person should not be allowed to participate again?

NO  YES  Reason Why: \_\_\_\_\_

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