This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Natural Resources Recreation and 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).

Researching Job Titles and Careers
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)
Georgia Career Information Center http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu (accessible only on campus computers)
Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)
Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Possible Job Titles

| Adventure Travel Coordinator | Northwest GA Shooting Sports | Recreation Facility Director |
| Camp Director | Coordinator | Recreation Leader |
| Community Center Director | Outdoor Educator | Recreation Specialist |
| Convention Manager | Outdoor Recreation Manager | Small Business Owner |
| Environmental Educator | Park Manager/Ranger | Technical Director |
| Event Manager/Planner | Planning Director | Telecommunications Specialist |
| Groundsman | Program Director | Tour Guide |
| Human Dimensions Consultant | Program Leader | Tourism & Commercial Sales |
| Museum Curator | Project Manager | Travel Guide |
| Naturalist | Recreation Assistant | Welcome Center Manager |
| Nature Interpreter | Recreation Coordinator | Wildlife Technician |

Possible Employers

| 404-CUT-TREE | County Parks & Recreation | Recreation Outfitters |
| Adventure Travel/Tour Companies | Georgia Department of Natural Resources | Resorts/Hotel/Cruise Lines |
| Athens Clarke County Leisure Services | Historic Parks/Sites | School/University Systems |
| Athens Clarke County Unified Govt. | National Park Service | Small Business Development |
| Athens Regional Medical Center | National/State Parks | State Depts. of Natural Resources |
| Boy/Girl Scouts of America | Nature Centers | Tennessee Valley Authority |
| Bureau of Land Management | Nonprofit Institutions | The University of Georgia |
| Camps | Panola Mountain State Park | UGA Costa Rica Ecolodge |
| City and County Leisure Services | Parks & Recreation Centers | US Forest Service |
| Community Recreation Depts. | Peace Corps | Wilderness Programs |
| Convention Centers | Peace Corps | YMCA/YWCA |

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.
Campus Resources
Warnell School Student Organizations - http://www.warnell.uga.edu/undergrad/clubs.php
Society for Conservation Biology
Society for Environmental Action - ugasea@gmail.com
To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at - http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html
Connect with your Career Consultant http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants

Employment Websites

GENERAL:
CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)
DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)
GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)
Idealist www.idealist.org/ (nonprofit jobs)
USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:
Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources Job Site- http://jobs.forestry.uga.edu/
National Recreation and Park Association Job Board- http://www nrpa.org/careers/
Hospitality Online Job Board- http://www.hospitalityonline.com/
Jobs at Camp- http://www.acacamps.org/jobs
The Environmental Careers Organization- http://www.eco.org
Environmental Career Opportunities- http://www.ecojobs.com/

Professional Information Resources
American Association for Leisure and Recreation- http://www.aahperd.org/
ActiveParks.org- http://www.active.com/outdoors/
USDA Forest Service- http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/
National Recreation and Park Association- http://www nrpa.org/
American Recreation Coalition- http://www.funoutdoors.com/arc
Association for Experiential Education- http://www.aee.org/
Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education- http://www.aore.org/
Georgia Recreation and Park Association- http://www.grpa.org/
Southeast Tourism Society- http://www.southeasttourism.org/index.cfm

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Strategies to consider during your time at UGA:
• An undergraduate degree is sufficient for entry-level recreation positions. A graduate degree may be required for administrative positions and teaching/research positions at universities and colleges.
• Obtain summer, part-time, internship or volunteer experience in camps, recreation/fitness centers, social service organizations, tourist attractions, etc.
• Hone leadership and supervisory skills for coordinating and directing others in various activities.
• Obtain Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) credential offered through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification for some positions. Certification in first aid and safety, CPR or lifeguarding may be helpful.
• Learn to interact effectively with people of various ages, backgrounds and ability levels.
• Exhibit physical agility, stamina and a motivational spirit. An interest in working outdoors is essential for some positions.
• Join related professional associations. Attend state/national professional association conferences.
• Seek knowledge of U.S. and world geography, history, social customs and languages for some opportunities.
• Consider participating in the Walt Disney College Program.