

Volunteer Cairngorms



Volunteer Ranger Role Description

The Cairngorms National Park is the largest National Park in the UK, and we are looking for volunteers who would like to help take care of it and inspire others with their love of this special place!

What's involved?

- Be an ambassador for the Cairngorms National Park, share your love and knowledge of the area, inspiring local people and visitors alike;
- Help take care of this special place;
- Volunteer alongside a range of participating Ranger Services, Land Owners and Land Managers across the Cairngorms National Park

This is a great role for people who love nature and the outdoors, enjoy meeting new people, being out and about in the fresh air, and who want to learn new skills! You'll meet an incredible variety of people, have the chance to learn new skills, work as a team, and spend time in some of the most spectacular landscapes in the country.

You'll be uniformed, and can expect to start out by being based within busier areas of the National Park. You'll be meeting and engaging with members of the public sharing information and answering questions, walking popular routes well-used by visitors, and over time will have the chance to become involved with more practical conservation and monitoring activities.

If your application is successful, the role will start in July with a series of induction and training sessions, covering topics such as an overview of the National Park, the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, and Emergency First Aid training. Once you're trained up we'll then match you with one – or more - of the Ranger Services, Land Managers or other organisations operating in the park that have agreed to take part in the Volunteer Ranger Programme, and will provide any additional induction/training for the site they feel you need.

How much time would be involved?

Volunteer Cairngorms is a new programme, and we're trying things out to see how they go, but we would hope that you could commit to at least a couple of days a month or more, either at the weekend or during the week.

Is it for me?

Being a Volunteer Ranger would be great for someone...

- With enthusiasm and a love for the natural environment;
- With good communication skills, so that you're comfortable meeting and interacting with members of the public;
- Who can work as part of a team;

- With a good general knowledge about the local area you'd like to volunteer, and would like to learn more about the National Park;
- Who is able to travel to Ranger/Land Manager bases (we are able to support you with reasonable travel costs) and cover key paths and routes;
- Aged 18 years old or over.

Where would it take place?

Whilst you will initially be matched to a single area, you will be able to choose which activities you sign up to and you will have the chance to volunteer in other locations undertaking different tasks too.

When?

We are looking for volunteers to make an ongoing, long term, contribution to the Cairngorms National Park, and would therefore ask that you are able to give a minimum commitment of 2 days a month (weekdays or weekends).

Who will offer supervision and support?

This will vary slightly depending on the task and location. However, for each day you are out you will have some contact with the partner organisation or Volunteer Cairngorms, and regular catch-ups will be scheduled throughout the year with Volunteer Rangers, Ranger Services/Land Managers and the Volunteer Coordinator from Volunteer Cairngorms.

How do I get involved?

If you are interested in joining us please complete the application forms available at www.cairngorms.co.uk/volunteers or request a pack by emailing volunteers@cairngorms.co.uk or calling 01479 870 566.

Once we have received these we will review the applications, contact the reference provided and be in touch to arrange a convenient time to meet for a chat. As you will be in contact with vulnerable people as part of this role, we will need to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure (formerly known as a CRB check) on your behalf.

I have questions or would like more information – who should I contact?

You can contact us via email, phone or post, and for updates you can follow us on Twitter:

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