



Annex 2: Ranger Patrol Data 2024

Cairngorms National Park Authority Ranger Service

1. Covering the entirety of the Cairngorms National Park area, the team comprises of:
 - a) Countryside Rangers – five full time (FT) (Permanent / all year)
 - b) Seasonal Rangers - 11 (9 FT, 2 PT), April – October
 - c) Trainee Rangers – four part time (PT) June – September

Family of Ranger Services

2. 14 site-based ranger services operate across the Cairngorms National Park consisting of over 50 rangers in total. These Ranger Services as well as the Cairngorms National Park Authority Ranger Team work in partnership on various aspects of ranger work including patrolling, engagement and education activities as well as training and development to form the Cairngorms National Park Family of Ranger Services.

Patrol Data

3. We ask Ranger Services across the Cairngorms National Park to collect data whilst out patrolling across their sites. The reason for this is so we can monitor visitor pressures across the Park and make sure we distribute our ranger resources appropriately. This data is then used to look at trends in visitor behaviours and activities across different sites helping us to identify hot spots which then informs our visitor infrastructure planning.
4. Data is also shared with the Managing for Visitors Group, which consists of landowners and public bodies working across the Park on visitor management activities. Our data also informs national groups who report directly to Scottish Government, during the season we submit a red, amber green (RAG) rating regarding visitor management pressures at key locations across the Park, this is a Scotland wide initiative. More information on the national visitor management approach can be seen at <https://www.visitscotland.org/about-us/what-we-do/working-in-partnership/visitor-management-plan>



Cairngorms National Park Authority Ranger Service Patrolling Data

	Patrols	Engagements	Negative engagements	Tents	Overnight Campervans	Dogs on a lead	Dogs off lead	Live Fires/BBQs	Old Fires/BBQs	Bags litter
2024	1398	6829	29	1275	1042	3925	369	225	558	1553
2023	1234	10523	71	1961	1998	3625	414	222	649	911

Partner Ranger Service Data

5. Ranger services in the following key visitor hotspot locations regularly report back on their visitor management activity throughout the summer season (March – October):
- a) Muir of Dinnet
 - b) Mar Lodge
 - c) Balmoral
 - d) Glen Tanar
 - e) Rothiemurchus
 - f) Abernethy
 - g) Glenmore
 - h) Glen Doll



6. Not all partners undertake or record individual numbers of patrols in the same way so the table below excludes that measure.

	Engagements	Negative engagements	Tents	Overnight Campervans	Dogs on a lead	Dogs off lead	Live Fires/BBQs	Old Fires/BBQs	Bags litter
2024	24138	99	1857	5313	3911	1057	122	273	205
2023	19508	37	1301	2205	2330	794	112	88	210