

PEOPLE AND PLACE DIRECTORATE

Trainee Ranger

Band A1, (25 hours, including weekends and evening),
fixed term June 2021 to Sept 2022

Purpose

The post holder will support the Cairngorms National Park Authority rangers to encourage people to have a safe, enjoyable and responsible visit to Cairngorms National Park in line with the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines.

The key role is working with rangers, to provide visitors & residents on hand communication and advice; talking to people in a clear, positive, engaging, persuasive and easily understood way to encourage responsible outdoor access.

Responsibilities

- Working under the direct supervision of the Cairngorms National Park Authority rangers you will help with promoting responsible access opportunities, messages about responsible behaviour and the special qualities of the national park.
- Help with the installation and maintenance of temporary signage and supporting communications on how to safely enjoy a visit under the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines.
- Help rangers to support initiatives which raise awareness and understanding of the National Park's special qualities – 'share good stories';
- Work with rangers and partners to address the direct impacts of irresponsible behaviour such as campfires in woodland, dirty camping, irresponsible dog ownership and litter.
- Assist rangers to carry out inspections & audits of access routes & sites undertaking any basic maintenance, or repairs as required;
- Comply with all Park Authority policies & procedures required to deliver an agreed work programme including timely and accurate reporting;

General

- Contribute to the work of the Visitor Services Directorate and CNPA as a whole and ensuring compliance with all procedures;
- Contribute to the delivery of the National Park Partnership Plan;

Person Specification - Knowledge, experience and training

ESSENTIAL

- A geographical knowledge of the “outdoors”
- An awareness of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code
- Good interpersonal skills with an ability to communicate well.
- A passion for enjoying the outdoors responsibly.
- Flexible approach to working hours as regular evening, morning and weekend working will be required.
- Physically fit and able/willing to work outside in all weather conditions

DESIRABLE

- Knowledge of the outdoors in the Cairngorms area/locality of work.
- An understanding of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code
- Experience of working as part of a team in outdoor and countryside activities
- Current UK Driving Licence
- Access to a vehicle insured for use on road in the role (mileage reimbursed at standard Scottish Government rates)

Please note: the postholder will be required to have a satisfactory PVG Disclosure.

April 2022