

PARK WARDEN / RANGER JOB DESCRIPTION

National Park Ranger Job Description

Job purpose

To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of The Brecon Beacons, through undertaking research, survey and monitoring, ensuring law enforcement, managing recreational sites and implementing practical conservation work; and to promote the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of The Brecon Beacons, through providing information, knowledge and advice to visitors, managing recreational activities and assisting emergency services as required.

In pursuing these purposes, to seek to foster the social and economic well being of the local community through maintaining close liaison with local individuals and communities, and the range of interest and user groups and providing effective communication between the NPA and the public.

Principal duties

Research, survey and monitoring

To assist in the collection and analysis of data (e.g. recreation and erosion research and monitoring; visitor, activity and wildlife surveys; management agreement and landscape change monitoring).

Law enforcement

To inform, explain and where necessary enforce the common and access land byelaws.

Managing recreational sites and pressures

To organise and undertake patrols of common and access land, to control and manage organised recreational events, to seek to resolve conflicts among recreational users and between these and other land users (through on site traffic and visitor management measures); and to negotiate access and rights of way improvements.

Practical conservation work

To undertake, or arrange for, the signing, waymarking and maintenance of public rights of way, other access and related field furniture; to carry out, monitor and regularly maintain erosion repair and site management works; to arrange for the collection and removal of litter; and to organise and supervise contractors and volunteers engaged on such work.

Providing information, knowledge and advice

To develop and maintain a knowledge of The Brecon Beacons sufficient to inform and advise visitors and residents; to contribute to guided walks and talks programmes; to represent the NPA at events and shows; to work with local schoolchildren; and to support local information Centres and Village Information Points.

Assisting the emergency services

To maintain regular liaison and close working relations with the police service and to provide emergency assistance to emergency services as requested.

Voluntary Wardens and other assistance

To recruit and manage Voluntary Wardens, to manage temporary staff allocated to the post and to supervise Duke of Edinburgh Award service placements.

Maintaining liaison

To maintain close contacts with Parish Councils and community groups; land-owning, land-managing and business interests (particularly those related to recreation and tourism); local recreation user groups; and with all NPA specialist staff, permitting an effective two way flow of knowledge and information.