

Peak District National Park Authority

Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Role Title	Volunteer Engagement Ranger
Role created by	Jess Coatesworth
Purpose of your role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be a representative of the Peak District National Park Authority. Sharing your enthusiasm, people skills and your passion for this special place to help us engage with visitors and communities, ensuring all have an exceptional experience. Deepening visitor awareness and connection with the Peak District. Supporting the work of the Ranger team.
Location of position	<p>There are opportunities throughout the Peak District, either remotely or from briefing centres. We have briefing centres in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trentabank, Macclesfield Forest Errwood Sailing Club, Goyt Valley Aldern House, Bakewell Brunt's Barn, Grindleford Moorland Visitor Centre, Edale Fairholmes Longdendale, Tintwhistle
Responsible to	Engagement Ranger in preferred volunteering location
Volunteer responsibilities & activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be an ambassador for the Peak District National Park To undertake appropriate training for the role. Be receptive to keeping up to date with current issues, news and briefings and policies relevant to the role. Undertaking volunteer activities to a high level of health and safety, adhering to safeguarding guidelines, and that are in line with policies and risk assessments of the Authority. Ensures authority equipment and assets are used in a responsible and safe manner. Follow appropriate reporting methods. <p>Responsibilities specific to the role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Providing a courteous and positive experience of the Peak District National Park to members of the public, partners and stakeholders.</i> <i>Supporting the work of the Ranger and Access team.</i> <i>Increasing public understanding of protected areas.</i>
Essential skills you would need for the role:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interest in the Peak District National Park. Ability to undertake volunteer training suitable to the role. Ability to work as part of a team. Ability to act as a Role Model, representing the Peak District National Park Authority. A willingness to develop your skills and interests and meet new people. <p>Specific to the role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ability to volunteer at the weekend.</i> <i>Ability to undertake activities suitable to the role in the outdoors and in all weathers</i> <i>Ability to enthuse and engage with varied audiences, including visiting public, young people, local communities, etc.</i>

Desirable skills that will assist you in the role:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Knowledge of National Parks and wider environmental issues. ○ Experience and knowledge of health and safety, safeguarding policies, procedures and data protection. <p>Specific to the role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Knowledge of access and rights of way.</i> ○ <i>Practical conservation skills.</i> ○ <i>Navigation skills.</i>
Times/days we would like you to be able to help us:	Typically 15 days per year, suggesting around 1-2 days per month.
Start date	21/7/23
End date	Ongoing
Minimum age:	18+
Prior skills and experience	No additional skills required
Training and support	<p>Face-to-Face training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visitor Engagement ● Navigation Training (Beginners and Advanced) ● Countryside Safety ● Rights of Way ● First Aid Training <p>ELMS Training (online):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Park Induction ● Introduction to Health & Safety ● Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging ● Fire Safety ● Manual Handling ● Information Security (PDNPA) <p>In addition to formal training, this role will require a series of shadowing sessions across the Peak District as part of the training programme.</p>
Reimbursement of expenses	<p>At the discretion of the team manager, volunteers can claim their travel expenses for travel between home and the place volunteering. Reimbursement are recognised by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and as legitimate expenses for volunteers and must only be actual costs incurred and be at a 'reasonable' rate (e.g. mileage rates within HMRC limits); they incur no tax liability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mileage costs @ 45p per mile cars (24p/mile motorbikes, 20p/mile pedal cycles) up to a maximum of £15 per journey. ● Bus and train tickets up to a maximum of £15 will be reimbursed only upon receipt of ticket/proof of purchase. <p><i>Please note that if you use your own vehicle whilst driving on the Authority's behalf, you will need to have the appropriate insurance.</i></p>
Equipment allocated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 polo shirt ● 1 waterproof jacket ● 1 waterproof trousers ● 1 Fleece ● 1 Cap ● Car park pass ● ID card
Benefits to volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet new people – Volunteering is special and creates a rare atmosphere of positivity, learning and community. You will meet

	<p>like-spirited people, who care about the environment, communities and making a difference for National Parks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience amazing wildlife and landscapes – The National Park is home to some of the most incredible landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage. The National Parks landscapes and their wildlife are shaped by people. You can also help to maintain access for everyone to landscapes which are crucial to the nation's health. • Develop your skills and learn new ones – Volunteering takes many forms: habitat management, path maintenance and construction, archaeology, wildlife monitoring, hospitality and visitor management are just some of the skills you might learn and develop. • Boost your health and wellbeing – Volunteering is good for your health. Scientific research shows volunteering has a range of health and well-being benefits. Being part of a volunteering team is great for self-esteem, helping you to feel part of a community achieving positive outcomes. • Play your part – When you volunteer in the Peak District National Park, you are part of a global movement to protect and enhance wildlife habitats, improve access to the landscape and save threatened cultural heritage.
Application Process	<p>Apply online using the application form on website https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/volunteering/current-volunteering-opportunities</p>

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