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Volunteer Placement – Ecology

Personal Specification

A self-sufficient individual with some botanical /mammal / bird survey and identification skills, wishing to gain more experience in surveying on the property. It is desirable to have a working knowledge of G.I.S

Supervised by:

Ranger/Stalker

Education and Events Ranger

Duties

1. To assist the ranger/stalker with heather monitoring.
2. To assist the ranger/stalker with tree regeneration monitoring.
3. To carry out the ongoing water vole survey
4. To carry out photo monitoring of vegetation including bracken
5. To assist with BTO Bird Atlas survey and WeBs (Wetland Bird Survey)
6. To monitor rare plants and willow scrub if possible
7. To input any relevant information into Glencoe database
8. To participate as part of the ranger team, taking a turn at butterfly surveys, moth trap surveys and rainfall recording.
9. To assist with deer stalking.
10. Other duties where necessary to assist the running of the countryside service
11. To assist at the outlook information desk at the visitor centre as required (at least one day per week)
12. To assist in the delivery of the events programme including guided walks and Landrover safaris.
13. To assist the running of Young Naturalists, Glencoe's nature club for local children

Learning objectives

1. To understand and carry out botanical and mammal survey techniques
2. To improve botanical identification skills
3. To use and understand standard data recording methods
4. To use and understand data storing software
5. To produce scientific reports
6. To develop entomological identification skills
7. To gain experience in working as part of a countryside management service

Learning opportunities

1. Monitoring techniques
2. Recording techniques
3. Identification skills
4. Leading/participating in events for the public

Opportunities for paid employment

Part-time employment at the visitor centre working in cafe/shop or reception may be available.

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Volunteer Placement – Education/Interpretation

Personal Specification

A self-sufficient individual with a background in conservation and a flair for working in education of all forms (primary, secondary, tertiary, informally and specialist user groups) wishing to gain further skills and experience in this field.

Supervised by

Education and Events Ranger

Duties

1. To assist in provision and planning of guided walks and other events including Landrover safaris
2. To assist in provision and planning of children's activities at the visitor centre
3. To assist in school groups both at the centre and as outreach in schools
4. To help organise and run Young Naturalists, Glencoe's nature club for local children
5. To help in research for other education markets
6. To develop ideas for events programme
7. To help with any interpretation needed on the property for example signage, leaflets etc
8. To participate as part of the ranger team, taking a turn at butterfly surveys, moth trap surveys and rainfall recording.
9. Other duties where necessary to assist the running of the countryside service
10. To assist at the outlook information desk at the visitor centre as required (at least one day per week)
11. To assist with habitat monitoring and surveys as required

Learning objectives

1. To be competent and confident in working with young people
2. To gain experience in working with a variety of different user groups
3. To increase understanding of interpretive techniques
4. To understand and be proficient in communicating NTS aims and principles to a variety of groups

Learning opportunities

1. Communication skills to a wide variety of audiences.
2. Interpretative design
3. Education delivery to a variety of groups

Opportunities for paid employment

Part-time employment at the visitor centre in the post of Centre Assistant or in the shop or café may be available.

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Volunteer Placement –Access and Recreation

Personal specification

A self-sufficient individual with practical conservation skills and a background in conservation wishing to gain further skills and experience in this field.

Supervised by

Property Manager/Senior Ranger
Education and Events Ranger
Ranger/Stalker

Duties

1. To assist in the running of the tree nursery and planting out where necessary
2. To carry out footpath maintenance on a weekly basis
3. To carry out fencing checks and maintenance on a rota basis
4. To carry out litter clearance on weekly basis
5. To carry out scrub clearance and strimming of path networks
6. To assist with the supervision of groups of conservation volunteers carrying out practical conservation tasks
7. To assist handyman in practical estate maintenance
8. To participate as part of the ranger team, taking a turn at butterfly surveys, moth trap surveys, rainfall recording and other biological monitoring as required.
9. To assist running of people counter project.
10. Other duties where necessary to assist the running of the countryside service
11. To assist at the outlook information desk at the visitor centre as required (at least one day per week)

Learning objectives

1. To understand and carry out basic practical countryside management tasks
2. To understand and carry out basic tree nursery tasks
3. To understand and carry out upland footpath maintenance
4. To understand and carry out volunteer group supervision

Learning opportunities

1. Upland footpath maintenance
2. Tree nursery management including seed collecting and growing on
3. Basic practical countryside management
4. Volunteer supervision

Opportunities for paid employment

Part-time employment at the visitor centre in the post of Centre Assistant or in the shop or café may be available.

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