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Volunteer Placement – Ecology

Personal Specification

A self-sufficient individual with some botanical and mammal survey skills and identification skills wishing to gain more experience in surveying on the property.

Placement period

This post is available between the months of March and September with a compulsory core period of June and July.

Supervised by:

Line Manager - Education and Events Ranger

Mentor – Ranger/Stalker

Duties

1. To assist the ranger/stalker with habitat monitoring.
2. To monitor tree/shrub regeneration
3. To survey the property for water voles
4. To carry out photo monitoring of vegetation including bracken
5. To monitor rare plants and willow scrub if possible
6. To input any relevant information into Recorder database
7. To participate as part of the ranger team, taking a turn at butterfly surveys, moth trap surveys and rainfall recording.
8. Other duties where necessary to assist the running of the countryside service
9. To assist at the outlook information desk at the visitor centre as required
10. To assist in the delivery of the events programme where required

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 in the post of Centre Assistant or in the shop or café may be available.



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Volunteer Placement – Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

Personal specification

A self-sufficient individual with good IT skills, in particular in GIS (MapInfo for preference) and Recorder 2002, wishing to gain further skills and experience in this field. An understanding of management planning would be an advantage

Placement period

This post is available between the months of March and September.

Supervised by

Line manager – Education and Events Ranger

Mentor - Property Manager

Duties

1. To digitise and input property information as part of developing a property inventory on GIS
2. To develop storage and management of data on Countryside Management System – CMS software as part of a trial project
- 3.) To collate Glencoe species data and ensure that it is stored on Recorder
4. To work with ranger/stalker and Ecology placement to ensure any new data obtained is recorded in the same way.
5. To link information on paper and electronic files to GIS
6. To link information on paper and electronic files to CMS
7. To participate as part of the ranger team, taking a turn at butterfly surveys, moth trap surveys and rainfall recording.
8. To assist in editing the Glencoe NTS website
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

Learning Objectives

1. To understand and be proficient in the use of MapInfo
2. To understand and be proficient in the use of CMS
3. To understand and be proficient in the use of Recorder
4. To understand management planning with relation to CMS
5. To carry out integration of data
6. To develop recording and surveying skills where possible if desired
7. To develop entomological ID skills
8. To gain experience in working as part of a countryside management service

Learning opportunities

1. Development of GIS, CMS and computer skills.
2. Development of experience in computer based management planning
3. Survey and monitoring techniques

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 – Education/Interpretation

Personal Specification

A self-sufficient individual with a background in conservation and a flare 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.

Placement period

This post is available between the months of March and September with a compulsory core period in July and August.

Supervised by

Education and Events Ranger

Duties

1. To assist in provision of guided walks and other events
2. To assist in provision 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 set up and run a "Young Nats" club for local children
5. To help in research for other education markets
6. To develop ideas for events programme
7. To develop ideas for nature based tourism, sustainability seminars and other activities and events
8. To help with any interpretation needed on the property for example signage, leaflets etc
9. To participate as part of the ranger team, taking a turn at butterfly surveys, moth trap surveys and rainfall recording.
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

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. Adventure Activities Licensing Authority and working with young people.
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.

This post will be subject to a Disclosure Scotland check as the post involves working with young people.



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Volunteer Placement –Practical skills

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.

Placement period

This post is available from April to September (with an opportunity to start in January to help with deer stalking)

Supervised by

Main grade Ranger and Ranger/Stalker

Duties

1. To assist the ranger/stalker acting as a ghillie over the deer cull period, dragging carcasses and larder work
2. To assist in the running of the tree nursery and planting out where necessary
3. To carry out footpath maintenance on a weekly basis
4. To partake in litter clearance as required
5. To assist with the supervision of groups of conservation volunteers carrying out practical conservation tasks
6. To assist handyman in practical estate maintenance
7. To participate as part of the ranger team, taking a turn at butterfly surveys, moth trap surveys and rainfall recording.
8. Other duties where necessary to assist the running of the countryside service
9. To assist at the outlook information desk at the visitor centre as required

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.