

Lake District Volunteers Service



Young Ranger Leader - Role Profile

Purpose

Our Young Rangers programme offers a unique opportunity for young people aged 14 to 18 years to get involved in practical conservation volunteering. Our Young Ranger Leaders help to facilitate Young Ranger activities each month across the National Park.

Young Rangers activities are led by experienced Rangers from a several partner organisations including the National Trust, Fix the Fells, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, West Cumbria Rivers Trust and the John Muir Trust. Our Young Ranger Leaders are dedicated and knowledgeable adult volunteer leaders who support these sessions. Together with the Young Rangers, they take part in a range of activities, from tree planting to footpath maintenance, at sites across the Lake District National Park.

Key tasks

Volunteer Young Ranger Leaders are involved in the following tasks:

- Leading and inspiring the young people throughout their volunteering experience.
- Supervising and supporting the young people, taking overarching responsibility for the group's health and safety throughout the session.
- Working alongside Lake District National Park Authority and partner organisation staff to plan and facilitate young ranger sessions.
- Helping the young people to safely engage with conservation tasks at each session.
- Communicating with the Volunteer Outreach Coordinator to plan and feedback on sessions.
- Ensuring Young Ranger sessions are inclusive and supportive for the participants.

Location

Young Ranger activities take place throughout the Lake District National Park and, we try to vary locations to make the programme as widely accessible as possible.

Supervisor

Volunteers will work closely with and be supported by our Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, Alice Chivers.

Time commitment required

The Young Rangers usually meet once a month, on a Sunday. Our Young Ranger Leader volunteers are asked to coordinate availability to cover the monthly sessions. There may also be a need to attend relevant training and meetings throughout the year. This equates to a time commitment of around 6 volunteering duties a year.

Training

Ongoing training and support will be provided by the Volunteers Service. Training sessions will include:

- Outdoor leadership skills
- First Aid
- Navigation
- Safeguarding
- Learning about the National Park

Person Specification

We will be selecting volunteers based on their experience and skills, enthusiasm for the role, and their availability. Please ensure that you give as much detail as possible when applying. As a role which involves working with young people, we require Young Ranger Leaders to complete a DBS check (provided by LDNPA).

We ask that volunteers are able to demonstrate the following skills/ experience:

Outdoor skills and experience, and a suitable level of fitness.	Confident in communicating with a range of people, including young people.
Experience leading groups, especially experience of leading groups of young people and leading groups outdoors.	IT skills; comfortable with use of email for communication and with simple use of spreadsheets and word processors.
Awareness of health and safety.	A love of the Lake District and good local knowledge.

What this role offers

- Unique opportunity to volunteer in spectacular landscapes.
- Opportunity to help inspire and develop young people's interests and skills.
- Support from a motivated and enthusiastic team.
- Training and development opportunities.
- The space to develop existing skills and gain new ones in varied environments.
- Chance to share your knowledge and passion for the Lake District.
- National Park uniform, parking permit and a range of discounts and offers.
- Reimbursement of expenses (public transport tickets, mileage rate, and car park pass).

Next steps

To apply for this role, please complete the online application form.

If you have any more questions, please contact volunteers@lakedistrict.gov.uk and one of our team will be able to speak to you in more detail. We will be selecting volunteers based on their skills, experience, and availability. Once selected, volunteers will be given a National Park volunteering induction and training for the role. This may include taster sessions, shadowing, and ongoing development opportunities.