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with a summer job at the

Department of Conservation

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Ranger

Location	Ōtepoti Dunedin, Coastal Otago District
Dates of Employment	2 November 2026 to 2 April 2027
Salary Range	Based on skills and experience is \$61,189 to \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

The role will deliver a shared programme between Department of Conservation (DOC) and the Dunedin City Council (DCC) to ensure responsible camping, advocate for coastal wildlife, provide information and a high-quality service to visitors, maintain camping and other compliance monitoring, gather visitor data to inform management of the sites and communications as directed with other agencies. The coastal focus of the role will take you to beaches from Waikouaiti to Taieri Mouth.

Key Tasks

The main accountabilities are to:

- Undertake daily site visits at identified freedom camping sites, reserves and beaches within Dunedin city to interact with visitors
- Advocate for coastal wildlife and marine reserves
- Provide information to visitors about how to interact positively with coastal wildlife, reserves, beaches and marine reserves within Ōtepoti | Dunedin
- Maintain camping and other compliance monitoring
- Gather and input visitor data
- Work collaboratively to support the rangers in your team
- Identify ways to improve the delivery of the programme
- Assist with wildlife response as required

Responsibilities include:

- Delivering and reporting on assigned work
- Prioritising safe work practices and adhering to health and safety procedures
- Recognising and seeking ways to give effect to our Treaty partnership with Kāi Tahu

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

We expect the successful candidate will have:

- A current full driver's licence
- A current First Aid Certificate would be advantageous
- Experience and demonstrated competence in customer service
- Proficiency in the MS Office suite of programmes
- Familiarity with Ōtepoti |Dunedin and the reserves, beaches and tracks that DOC and DCC manage would be advantageous
- An understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and DOC's relationship with our Treaty Partner would be advantageous
- Familiarity with relevant legislation and bylaws that DOC and DCC operate under would be advantageous
- A can-do attitude and desire to learn

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The Coastal Otago DOC Operations team is based in Ōtepoti |Dunedin and forms part of the Southern South Island Region. The Operations team seeks to strengthen our Treaty relationship by working in true partnership with Kāi Tahu, as we collaborate with others to protect biodiversity, enhance recreational opportunities, and grow the community's appreciation of and involvement in conservation.

Geographically the Coastal Otago District extends from the Mata-au | Clutha River in the south, inland to Pātearoa | the Rock and Pillar Ranges, and north to the Waitaki River. Occasionally we support the work of other Districts across the lower South Island.

The area includes rich marine environments (including new Marine Reserves), coastal rainforest and unique and/or endangered plants and animals (including freshwater fish, marine mammals, yellow-eyed penguin, northern royal albatross, jewelled gecko, grand and Otago skink, and several threatened plant species).

The district office and workshop are in Dunedin (10 mins apart by vehicle) with field bases at Pukekura/ Taiaroa Head and Macraes. We share our office in Dunedin with approximately 90 staff from across the Department, creating a vibrant and well-supported workplace with a great culture.

Ōtepoti | Dunedin is a great city in which to live and has the services and social life of a much larger metropolitan centre. Ten minutes' drive in any direction will take you out of the city into some beautiful country. There are great opportunities for social, cultural and sporting involvement and the beaches, mountains and rivers provide exciting opportunities for outdoor activities and enjoying nature.

Additional Information

There will be three Summer Rangers working closely together as a team to provide capacity to cover evenings, weekends and public holidays. This means you will be regularly rostered to work outside normal working hours after the first two weeks of training and induction. The roster will be developed in consultation with team members during the first two weeks. You can expect to have regular two- or three-day breaks, and that you will not work more than 80 hours in a fortnight.

Accommodation: None provided

Number of Position: 3

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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