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Ranger (Track Maintenance)

Location	Glenorchy, Whakatipu-wai-māori/Queenstown District
Dates of Employment	1 October 2026 to 30 June 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

Based in Glenorchy, the Track Maintenance Ranger is part of the Heritage and Visitor Team within the Whakatipu District. The Heritage and Visitor Team manages and maintains heritage sites, huts, tracks, campsites, bridges, and other visitor infrastructure throughout Mount Aspiring National Park and surrounding public conservation lands within the Whakatipu District. The team plays a key role in providing safe, high-quality recreational experiences while protecting the area's natural and historic values.

The Great Walks are the Department's premier walking tracks, through areas of some of the best scenery in the country. The Great Walks are of a higher standard than other tramping tracks and require a booking system to manage visitor pressure. Our Great Walk – the Routeburn comprises 2 huts and one campsite.

The Greenstone and Caples Tracks have 3 bookable huts and 3 campsites; the lower Greenstone Track also forms part of the Te Araroa Trail.

Hut rangers are stationed at the huts throughout the season. The Track Rangers work on the track in the areas between the Great Walk and BCC huts.

Key Tasks

The Tracks Ranger role focuses on maintaining Great Walk and BCC and Walking Tracks within Mount Aspiring National Park and adjoining conservation lands including the Greenstone and Caples Conservation Areas; ensuring high use internationally recognised tracks are maintained to a high standard.

Tasks include:

- High level of fitness required
- Experience in track and facility maintenance

- Track, structure and sign maintenance
- Vegetation removal with small machinery

Mō te tūranga | About the role

This position involves living and working in the field as the work programme dictates. You will work an 80-hour fortnight (including 8 days on 6 days off when necessary) in the field. Some time will be spent working on Front Country Walking Tracks, the balance on Back Country Tracks. At times, you will work with permanent Ranger staff on field operations.

A non-taxable field food and back country allowance is paid for days worked in the field. Uniform and personal protective equipment is provided, including footwear as required.

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

Specialist skills and experience:

- High level of fitness required
- Experience in track and facility maintenance
- Able to use mobile phone applications to complete work reports and timesheets
- Experience with small plant machinery and Chainsaw experience is desirable but not essential.
- Current First Aid certificate
- Current full driving license
- Backcountry experience essential
- Experience in working in field locations

Additional Information

Roster: This role operates on a roster that includes weekends and public holidays. Flexible working hours are required, with the ability to cover staff leave and support peak visitor periods.

Accommodation: Accommodation is provided in huts and occasionally in tents, when working in the field. On days off you will provide your own accommodation. Please note that Glenorchy has limited housing availability and high demand.

Number of Positions: 2

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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