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Hut Warden Ranger

Location	Paparoa Track Great Walk, Greymouth District
Dates of Employment	14 September 2026 to 4 May 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Hut Warden Ranger based on the Paparoa Track Great Walk within the Greymouth District, supporting the Heritage and Visitor work group. The role focuses on maintaining huts and tracks, delivering visitor services, and supporting safe and enjoyable experiences on one of New Zealand's newest Great Walks. You will work in a remote backcountry environment, living on-site and contributing to conservation and visitor outcomes.

Key Tasks

- Engage with visitors, providing information and guidance to walkers and riders
- Undertake track maintenance including vegetation control and drainage work
- Clean and maintain huts, water systems, and toilet facilities
- Support the wider team with track and hut maintenance tasks
- Maintain high standards across Great Walk facilities

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Strong communication skills and ability to engage with a wide range of visitors
- High level of self-reliance and ability to work independently in isolated environments
- Good practical skills for track and facility maintenance
- High level of physical fitness for demanding fieldwork
- Experience in backcountry environments
- Ability to work in challenging weather conditions
- Competence riding mountain bikes on Grade 4 tracks
- Experience riding Motorcycle's (desirable)
- Full New Zealand driver's licence

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The Māwhera/Greymouth Heritage and Visitor team consists of approximately 10 permanent staff, supported by seasonal workers. The team maintains extensive assets including tracks, huts, historic sites, and campgrounds across the district.

The Paparoa Track Great Walk is a 55km dual-use track (walking and biking) through Paparoa National Park, with an additional connection to the Pike29 Memorial Track. The track includes multiple huts and traverses rugged terrain up to 1000m elevation, offering a unique and challenging working environment.

Additional Information

Roster: 8 days on, 6 days off from Tuesday – Tuesday

Accommodation: Hut-based warden quarters provided at assigned huts

Number of positions: 2

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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