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with a summer job at the

Department of Conservation

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Ranger (Amenities)

Location	Makarora Haast Highway/Wānaka, Central Otago District
Dates of Employment	1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As an Amenities Ranger, Haast Highway (Makarora-based) within the Heritage and Visitor work group supporting the maintenance and operation of visitor facilities across the Central Otago District. The role focuses on maintaining campsites, huts, and recreation infrastructure, ensuring high standards of visitor experience, safety, and compliance. You will work both independently and as part of a wider team across a diverse and often remote landscape.

Key Tasks

- Clean campsites, huts, and amenity facilities daily
- Undertake track maintenance including gravelling and vegetation clearance
- Carry out routine hut maintenance (including Brewster Hut and Gillespie Circuit huts)
- Complete compliance checks at huts and campsites
- Provide visitor safety information, including weather updates
- Carry out compliance activities as required
- Manage and monitor water, sewerage, and solar systems
- Complete work reports and timesheets using mobile applications
- Biodiversity Tasks; tracking tunnels, trapping, monitoring

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Strong communication skills and ability to engage with a wide range of people
- Experience in recreation facility or amenity maintenance (e.g. cleaning, mowing, weed control, basic repairs)
- High level of physical fitness for demanding outdoor work
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team
- Good organisational skills and ability to manage tasks effectively
- Basic knowledge of conservation and New Zealand's natural and cultural heritage
- Ability to use mobile technology for reporting and operational tasks

- Sound decision-making skills, including in emergency situations
- Current First Aid certificate
- Full New Zealand driver's licence

Desirable:

- Experience working around boats or helicopters
- Experience using scrub bars, hedge trimmers, or similar equipment

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The district spans from Haast Pass to Beaumont and includes a wide range of recreation and historic sites such as the Otago Central Rail Trail, numerous huts, tramping tracks, and conservation areas. The role operates across varied alpine, valley, and remote environments, contributing to the maintenance of important visitor infrastructure.

Additional Information

Roster: Includes weekends and public holidays; flexible hours required. Flexibility required to cover staff leave and peak periods

Accommodation: Shared or private DOC accommodation is available (market rent applies)

Number of positions: 1

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