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Department of Conservation

Ranger (Heritage and Visitor)

Location	Te Anau, Fiordland District
Dates of Employment	5 October 2026 to 30 April 2026
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a roving Heritage and Visitor Ranger based in Te Anau within the Heritage and Visitor work group, this varied role supports the maintenance and operation of high-use visitor sites across Fiordland. It combines **front-country and Milford Road** responsibilities with **hut and campsite relief** and **Great Walks track maintenance**, including work on the Milford, Kepler, and Routeburn tracks. The position focuses on delivering front-country services such as campground and facility maintenance, visitor engagement, and compliance across the Milford Road, Te Anau Basin, and Mavora Lakes areas, while also maintaining tracks, structures, and facilities in remote backcountry environments. Working in a dynamic setting with high visitor numbers, you will help ensure safe, high-quality experiences across some of Aotearoa's most iconic conservation locations.

Key Tasks

- Clean and maintain huts, campsites, amenities, historic areas, and other visitor facilities, including high-use toilets, basic repairs, and painting
- Carry out track, structure, and signage maintenance (e.g. digging, gravel work, vegetation clearance using small machinery)
- Undertake vegetation control including mowing, spraying, weed management, and general site upkeep
- Support Great Walk operations through hut upkeep, track maintenance, and delivering evening conservation talks
- Promote visitor safety by communicating hazards (e.g. weather, avalanches) and assisting with helicopter and site management where required
- Engage with visitors by providing information, interpretation, and conservation messaging
- Carry out compliance activities including fee collection, bylaw education, cash handling, and reconciliation
- Travel regularly between sites across the wider Fiordland area, including remote and off-track environments

- Assist with hut, campsite, and facility maintenance across front-country and backcountry locations
- Work collaboratively with volunteers and DOC teams
- Complete reporting and timesheets using mobile applications

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Good level of physical fitness for outdoor, hands-on work
- Experience in facility, track, or amenity maintenance
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team
- Strong communication skills and ability to engage with the public
- Ability to use mobile technology for reporting and operational tasks
- Experience using small plant and machinery
- Strong organisational skills and attention to detail
- Sound decision-making skills, including in emergency situations
- Current First Aid certificate
- Full New Zealand driver's licence

Desirable:

- Experience towing trailers
- Experience in compliance or public-facing roles

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The Heritage and Visitor team is responsible for maintaining huts, tracks, campsites, and visitor facilities across Fiordland National Park and surrounding conservation areas.

This role operates across the Te Anau Basin, Mavora Lakes, and the Milford Road corridor (State Highway 94), which is a major gateway into the Te Wāhipounamu World Heritage Area, with over 500,000 visitors annually. These areas include a wide range of recreational sites, campgrounds, and iconic viewpoints.

Additional Information

Roster: Roster is 8 days on 6 days off, from Tuesday to Tuesday. Weekend work and public holidays

Accommodation: Depending on your roster, accommodation on the Great Walk is a combination of staff quarter/small worker huts or tenting, if working in the front country areas there are staff accommodation houses at Knobs Flat and Milford Sound Piopiotahi, and a small staff bivvy at Mavora Lakes.

All accommodation provided requires you to provide your own personal sleeping bag, food and personal items

Number of positions: 9

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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