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Heritage and Visitor Ranger

Location	Te Anau, Fiordland District
Dates of Employment	November 2026 to April 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$65,590 - \$76,589

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Heritage and Visitor Ranger based in Te Anau within the Heritage and Visitor work group, supporting the maintenance and development of visitor infrastructure across Fiordland and the wider Southern South Island. This role focuses on delivering construction, maintenance, and upgrade work across huts, tracks, and structures. You will work both independently and within a small team, often in remote backcountry environments.

Key Tasks

- Construct and maintain huts, structures, and visitor facilities
- Carry out track, signage, and infrastructure maintenance
- Undertake vegetation clearance using small machinery
- Plan, prepare, and deliver building and maintenance projects
- Complete work reports and timesheets using mobile applications
- Support wider field teams across multiple conservation areas
- Work in both front-country and remote backcountry environments

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Experience in carpentry, construction, or facilities maintenance
- Practical skills in track and infrastructure maintenance
- Experience using small plant and machinery
- High level of physical fitness for demanding fieldwork
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team
- Backcountry experience and confidence working in remote environments
- Strong organisational and planning skills
- Ability to use mobile devices for reporting and operational tasks
- Sound decision-making skills, particularly in field or emergency situations
- Current First Aid certificate

- Full New Zealand driver's licence

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

You will work as part of a small field team supported Project Leads contributing to a six-month work programme across a range of sites. Fiordland is home to some of New Zealand's most iconic landscapes and Great Walks (Milford, Kepler, and Routeburn), as well as diverse recreation areas such as Mavora Lakes.

Additional Information

Roster: May includes some weekends and public holidays.

Accommodation: Not provided in Te Anau; accommodation provided when working in the field (huts or tents)

Number of positions: 1

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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