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with a summer job at the

Department of Conservation

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Ranger (Visitor Centre)

Location	Tititea/Mt Aspiring National Park Visitor Centre, Wānaka, Central Otago District
Dates of Employment	October 2026 to April 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Visitor Centre Ranger based at the Tititea/Mt Aspiring National Park Visitor Centre in Wānaka within the Visitor Centre work group. The role focuses on delivering high-quality frontline visitor experiences, providing information, facilitating bookings, and supporting conservation engagement. You will be part of a team that connects visitors to the conservation estate while promoting safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences.

Key Tasks

- Provide visitors with information on recreation opportunities, safety, weather, and regulations
- Share conservation and cultural stories, including connections with tangata whenua
- Facilitate bookings for huts, campgrounds, and hunting permits
- Promote and sell conservation-related merchandise
- Communicate with field staff and monitor field intentions
- Support digital and administrative tasks
- Assist the community team with engagement activities and concession monitoring
- Deliver excellent customer service in a busy visitor centre environment

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Experience in a visitor centre or customer-focused environment, including retail or sales
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage a wide range of visitors
- Ability to provide clear and positive safety messaging
- Good understanding of recreation and tourism opportunities in New Zealand (especially Central Otago desirable)
- Knowledge or interest in conservation and outdoor recreation

- Ability to work under pressure while maintaining high standards
- Strong teamwork skills and adaptability in a dynamic environment
- Competent computer skills and ability to learn new systems
- Full New Zealand driver's licence

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The Central Otago District Operations team delivers conservation work across biodiversity, heritage and visitor, community engagement, and visitor centre functions. The Visitor Centre and Community team includes a Supervisor, Senior Ranger, Team Lead, permanent staff, and seasonal rangers during peak periods.

Based in Wānaka, this role operates within a district that spans a large and diverse area from Haast Pass to Middlemarch and Lindis Pass to the Nevis Valley. The district includes significant conservation areas such as Mount Aspiring National Park, Hāwea and Oteake Conservation Parks, and several mountain ranges.

The region offers exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities including tramping, mountain biking, water sports, and multi-sport events.

Additional Information

Roster: Weekend and Public holiday work will be required. We have a variety of full time and part time roles with all roles requiring the employee to work weekends and public holidays.

The ability to be flexible and be available to provide extra cover for staff leave is an advantage.

Accommodation: Not provided

Number of positions: 3 full-time roles available (2 fixed-term positions for 6 months and 1 fixed-term position for 3 months).

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