

Volunteer Role Description: Volunteer Park Guide –Bogong High Plains

Volunteer Park Guides activities engage visitors through the sharing of significant and local stories at chosen Park locations across Victoria. Becoming a Volunteer Park Guide is a great way to share your knowledge, training and experience with visitors on the many natural and cultural values Victoria's parks have to offer. As a Park Guide, you will be volunteering with a group of likeminded people delivering interpretive walks on the local flora and fauna. Volunteer Park Guides have a unique opportunity to enhance others knowledge of Victoria's special places and assist in fostering a lifelong connection to nature.

Parks Victoria is looking for volunteers that have an interest in nature and enjoy speaking to a group of visitors to be roving Park Guides at Wallace's and Cope Hut in the Bogong High Plains. This will include providing visitors with information and facilitating guided walks.

Tasks and responsibilities

Volunteer Park Guides will;

- Facilitate interpretive walks at Wallace Hut and Cope Hut
- Keep walks between 30-45 minutes
- Engage in story telling of the sites natural and human history
- Highlight local flora and fauna of interest
- Provide friendly social interaction with park visitors
- Ensure visitors are safe and mitigate risks by following the correct OH&S requirements
- Alert on-duty Rangers to disturbances or breaches of park regulations including recording issues and events that may be of significance

Key skills/abilities

- Be engaging, informative and present information in a friendly, open manner
- Are responsive to the needs and interests of visitors and are of a professional standard
- Work with minimal supervision
- A level of personal connection with the site/species is desirable
- A positive attitude and ability to engage with people from all backgrounds
- Strong public speaking, communication and interpersonal skills
- Interest in the park, conservation and nature

Benefits

- Receive training and the opportunity to learn new skills, in particular presentation and interpretation skills, and to apply your learning in a meaningful way
- Gain extensive knowledge about the Wallace and Cope Huts, plus the environmental values of the Alpine National Park.
- Allow others to access, learn and experience Victoria's beautiful parks
- Be part of a team of friendly, like-minded people

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Training

All Park Interpreters are required to attend a two-day training and induction program provided by Parks Victoria prior to placement. This ensures that volunteers have the knowledge and skills to undertake a safe and engaging interpretive guided tour of the park.

Location and requirements

The interpretive walks will take place at Wallace Hut and Cope Hut in the Bogong High Plains. Volunteers need to make their own way to the park and must have their own mobile phone.

Commitment

The Interpretive walks will run from December 29th until January 19th, 2019 and the 2019 Easter long weekend.

Volunteers will need to be available for a two-day training course in December prior to the program launch.

Volunteers will need to be available for at least half of the Alpine Discovery Days schedule.

Shifts are available on the following weekends:

Saturday and Sunday

- 29th and 30th December 2018
- 5th and 6th January 2019
- 12th and 13th January 2019
- 19th and 20th January 2019

Thursday

- 3rd January 2019
- 10th January 2019
- 17th January 2019

Easter Saturday and Sunday

- 20th April 2019
- 21st April 2019

Uniform

Parks Victoria will supply a green Park Guides polo top and hat that must be worn while undertaking the role.

National Police Check and Working with Children Check

All Volunteer Park Guides are required to have a National Police Check with the cost covered by Parks Victoria.