

Sandwood Seasonal Ranger

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Would you like to expand your knowledge of conservation and experience working within a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a designated Special Area of Conservation? Are you passionate about wild places and do you have an ability to communicate that passion? Then we want to hear from you.

The John Muir Trust is recruiting a Sandwood Seasonal Ranger to lead on the management of the Trust's trailhead to Sandwood Bay, while engaging widely with visitors, local residents and other organisations in the wider area.

This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and hardworking individual to work closely with the Sandwood Conservation Officer, wider North Region team, local crofters, residents and visitors. Promoting the Trust's work and ethos, taking responsibility for the day-to-day visitor management of Blairmore car park at Oldshorebeg, you will be someone who has a passion for engagement and understand how best to connect with visitors.

The John Muir Trust is committed to working together to promote a more inclusive environment and we need a diverse team to realise this. Applicants are welcome from all walks of life with diverse backgrounds, cultures, perspectives, and experiences to support our work on behalf of wild places.

Main responsibilities

Key duties

- Communicate and engage with visitors to promote and encourage responsible access, camping and parking – in accordance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (SOAC) Guidance and particularly the 'leave no trace' ethos.
- Work to reduce the impact of irresponsible behaviour across the Sandwood estate.
- Assisting with the management and maintenance of the WC and car park facilities at Blairmore car park; including cleaning the WC block when required. Working with the Sandwood Warden, monitoring, and managing car park use and ensuring that refuse is removed; by either the user and / or Highland Council via the paid refuse collection service.
- Conduct visitor management surveys engaging with members of the public to gather information for future planning.
- Management of the wider estate, and in particular the track to Sandwood Bay, monitoring use, engaging positively and pro-actively with visitors, clearing fire sites and waste where possible and recording incidents.
- Install and distribute temporary posters, signage and leaflets to convey information about responsible access, in line with SOAC Guidance.

- Working with the Trust's Sandwood Conservation Officer to report and monitor path usage, undertaking any minor maintenance as required through the season, possibly with the use of volunteers.
- If appropriate help deliver events such as local beach cleans, guided walks and working with the local schools to deliver the John Muir Award.
- Involvement with local campaign group to help facilitate better tourism management and future strategies.
- Promoting the work of the Trust, encouraging donations, membership and engagement.
- Follow Trust H&S procedures and policies at all times.
- Any other tasks as required from time to time to assist visitor management to the estate in particular and the Trust's wider property management work as a whole.

Person specification

Essential skills, knowledge and aptitude

- Ideally you will have some experience of working in a similar role.
- You'll have a willingness to learn and an eagerness to be involved in a wide range of activities.
- You'll have the ability to educate on the importance of responsible behaviour to those enjoying the environment and the ability to educate on inappropriate behaviour if necessary.
- You'll be organised, self-motivated, and have the ability to work independently as well as with Trust staff, volunteers and contractors.
- Beautiful Sandwood tends to be enjoyed most during the weekend and evenings so you would be willing to work during these timeframes.
- You'll be prepared to work to John Muir Trust risk assessments and health and safety policies.
- You'll be able to start as soon as possible.
- No accommodation is provided.

Qualifications

- Driving licence essential.

Other details

Type of contract:	Fixed term until 30 September 2023
Hours:	Full-time (35 hours per week)
Salary:	Band A: £23,474 per annum pro rata
Pension:	5% employer contribution to a group auto-enrolment pension scheme
Reporting to:	Engagement Manager North
Location:	Sandwood
Vehicle:	Own vehicle (mileage rate applies)

John Muir Trust standard terms and conditions of employment apply.

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