

How to become a Ranger

A day in the life of a Ranger

Working as a Ranger is as varied as the environments they manage. The role of a Ranger involves planning for and delivering in park services to enable efficient and effective delivery of day to day operational services. To get an idea of the many responsibilities of a Ranger, let's look at some examples.

The following examples have been split into the three areas of **natural values** (ensuring that the natural environment and cultural sites are protected), **Operational Services** (Plans and Works) and **visitor services** (helping visitors to enjoy and understand parks).



Natural Values

- Protection, enhancement and management of natural, recreational and cultural assets.
- Identify weeds and pest animals and eradicate or control those that hold the most threat to native plants and animals.
- Identify and protect populations of threatened or endangered animals.



Operational Services

- Provide input into development of works plans and programs.
- Undertake delivery of allocated in park services including pest plant and animal control, terrestrial and marine asset renewal, risk management programs and general maintenance.
- Monitor and report on environmental & asset conditions.
- Undertake fire and emergency response activities in accordance with requirements and level of training, including wildfire, ecological and fuel reduction burns as required.
- Undertake scheduled park inspections to achieve objectives specified in the Regional Operations Plan.
- Monitor and maintain natural and cultural values to a high standard and assist in the delivery of general maintenance and risk management programs for the Park.



Visitor services

- Maintain and develop visitor facilities such as toilets, picnic and camping areas, and trails for various users (e.g. for hikers, mountain bike riders etc.)
- Approve licences and monitor the businesses within park boundaries, such as tour operators and ski resort operators.
- Delivery of information, facilities, events and services to customers, schools and other stakeholders.
- Promote and maintain historic assets, such as gold mining sites and historic huts.
- Develop co-operative relationships with local indigenous groups.
- Work with volunteers on projects such as weed control, hut building and maintaining tracks and other infrastructure.

What qualifications and experience are required?

Parks Victoria highly recommends people interested in pursuing a career as a Ranger to complete a tertiary qualification in Certificate or Diploma in Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management and/or equivalent experience in a similar field. Other desirable/required qualifications include:

- ✓ Demonstrated experience in self-management and supervisory skills.
- ✓ Demonstrated experience in customer service, communication and interpersonal skills.
- ✓ Relevant level of knowledge of regulations and compliance procedures.
- ✓ A current employee Working with Children Check is required.

Volunteering

Volunteering in parks is a great way to contribute to conserving Victoria's special places. The many personal benefits of volunteering include learning more about plants and wildlife, gaining new skills, being in the outdoors, improving health and well being and meeting new friends.

How to register for volunteering opportunities

Register to become an official Parks Victoria volunteer by creating a user account and volunteer profile with details about your interests, skills, and contact information with [ParkConnect](#).

Recommended courses and experiences

A number of Universities and TAFE colleges offer undergraduate and post graduate courses in Natural Resources Management, Recreation/Tourism or Environmental Sciences. These areas of study all relate directly to careers within Parks Victoria.

In addition to tertiary qualifications, most Ranger positions require some level of park or nature orientated experience. Competition for positions at Parks Victoria and other park management agencies throughout Australia is strong, with many University graduates travelling interstate to gain experience before being selected. Popular areas for paid experience include tour guiding, gardening and landscaping, zoo keeping, seasonal fire fighting and tourist information centre work.

Indigenous Ranger employment

Parks Victoria offers a number of opportunities for Indigenous employment, including Designated Aboriginal Ranger positions. Opportunities for Designated Aboriginal positions are advertised on [careers.vic.gov.au](#) and the [Indigenous Employment Australia](#) platform.

Where are job vacancies advertised?

Parks Victoria's vacancies are advertised on [careers.vic.gov.au](#). You can also visit our [Careers page](#) on our website for more information.



Did you know!

As a Ranger at Parks Victoria, you could have the opportunity to work across a wide range of Fire Recovery and Educational Programs including the Junior Ranger Program.

The Junior Ranger program encourages children to explore Victoria's amazing parks! A range of free and fun activities for kids inspire curiosity, discovery and connection.

Seasonal Ranger Program

Seasonal Rangers are employed to be part of our workforce during the peak visitation periods. They assist in the overall management of the work area with emphasis on customer service, education and interpretation, visitor and facilities management.

Contracts are consistent with our summer season and peak visitation periods, where we generally offer 12-Week Fixed Term contracts between December and February.

How to apply for a vacancy

To apply for a vacancy, please follow the steps outlined in the table below:

Step	
1	Search for a job on the Careers Vic site.
2	Download carefully read the Position Description along with any other documents attached to the job posting
3	Prepare your application documents - Now you can prepare that winning application. Learn the best way to prepare your key documents .
4	Click the Apply now button - After you click the 'Apply now' button in the job post, you'll be redirected to Parks Victoria's job application system. You may be asked to register, create a profile or login. Please follow those prompts.
5	Complete the online application - It can take around 15 minutes to complete the online form. Follow the prompts to enter information from your prepared documents. During the online application, you'll be asked if you are an Indigenous person or a person with a disability. It's not compulsory to answer these questions. However, this information can help us to make any adjustments for you during the application and interview process.

More information

Visit <http://www.parks.vic.gov.au> or call 13 1963.