

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 like-minded people delivering interpretive walks/presentations 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 alifelong 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 Hut on the Bogong High Plains within the Alpine National Park (9Km from Falls Creek Alpine resort). This will include providing visitors with information and facilitating guided walks.

Tasks and responsibilities

Volunteer Park Guides will.

- Facilitate short (10-15min) interpretive presentations at Wallace Hut
- 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 new Park Interpreters are required to attend a one-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 presentations.

Location and requirements

The interpretive presentations will take place at Wallace 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 presentations will occur over 3 days of easter 2022

Good Friday 15th of April 10am-2pm

Easter Saturday 16th of April 10am-2pm

Easter Sunday 17th of April 10am-2pm

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.

Other Conditions of Participation

- Join the Discovery Guides Activity on ParkConnect; [Join Activity](#)
- You will be contacted by the team to fill in an Expression of Interest (for first time volunteers on the program)
- Attend a short phone interview
- Attend a 1-day training course at Mount Beauty/Falls Creek on either Saturday 26 March, Monday 4 April, or Friday 8 April (date will be confirmed on appointment to role)
- Be available for 2 of 3 of the Alpine Discovery Days scheduled including Friday 15 April, Saturday 16 April, Sunday 17 April