

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



Volunteer Role / Title
Volunteer Ranger
Location
Isle of Eigg
How many volunteers are needed?
We are looking to recruit 5 Volunteer Rangers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 full-time Long Term volunteer for 4 months from late April to late August.• 2 full-time Short-Term volunteers for 2 months May and June.• 2 full-time Short-Term volunteers for 2 months July and August. <u>Please let us know in your application which of these roles you would be interested in.</u>
How many hours per day/per week are you needed?
Your normal working days are Monday to Friday 10:00 – 17:00 although evening and weekend work is sometimes necessary for wildlife monitoring and events. In these cases you will be given time off in lieu.
On which days are you needed?
As above
On what date do we want you to start?
The Short-Term 2-month volunteers will start at the beginning of May or the beginning of July. The Long-Term 4-month Volunteer is expected to start in late April. We will discuss exact dates with you closer to the time, and can be a bit flexible.
End Date
The Short-Term 2-month volunteers that start at the beginning of May will finish at the end of June. The other roles will finish at the end of August.
Minimum commitment we require from you

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We would expect you to commit full time to the agreed 2-month or 4-month period. Please do not apply unless you can commit to this period.

Objective(s) of your volunteer role

You will support the Eigg Ranger with a range of practical conservation and wildlife monitoring tasks as well as working with the public eg helping on wildlife walks, junior wildlife club activities and providing information to visitors at the pier.

Long-Term 4-month Volunteer

Additionally, the Long-Term 4-month Volunteer will work closely with the Eigg Ranger to schedule jobs and make sure tasks are completed. They will help to supervise the other volunteers and take charge of some survey works or events, depending on their experience.

Tasks

Tasks are varied and include:

- Biological survey work such as butterfly transects, moth trapping, bat roost counts, and breeding bird surveys.
- Maintaining vegetation and habitats plus tree nursery work.
- Maintaining paths and other associated infrastructure.
- Leading and supporting wildlife events and activities with weekly guided walks, family events and children's wildlife club sessions delivered and led by the ranger.
- Wildlife data recording onto database
- Blogs, photos, social media updates if interested

The Long-Term 4-month volunteer has additional responsibilities including:

- Some supervision of volunteers if we split into different groups.
- Weekly risk assessment and safety checks with volunteers.
- Looking after tools and equipment
- Deputising for the Eigg Ranger on a couple of occasions if the Eigg Ranger is away.

Description of the personal attributes/skills/qualifications required

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Interested in wildlife and nature conservation and some basic knowledge of Scottish wildlife.

Any experience of wildlife monitoring, practical work, or helping with events and activities would be an advantage.

A good team player and able to work and live alongside people in close quarters. You will be living in shared accommodation and need to be comfortable both living and working with others in a residential situation.

Most work is physical and outside (in all weather) so a good level of fitness and mobility is required. You will be required to walk or cycle most days to different parts of the island.

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Additionally, it would be desirable for the Long-Term 4-month Volunteer to have some experience of working with or supervising other volunteers/team members and good organisational skills. A valid first aid certificate, or to be able to attend a training course before season starts, is desirable.

Support/training

All necessary on the job training and support will be provided by the Eigg Ranger. We will provide all supervision, health & safety instruction and instruction in using the tools/equipment.

Can the Trust provide expenses e.g. for travel or branded clothing?

We will reimburse reasonable travel expenses to and from Eigg. We intend to make a contribution towards your food costs up to £30 per week (claimed as expenses on submission of a claim form with receipts), but will confirm the situation at the time we recruit volunteers.

We will also provide branded clothing for you whilst on Eigg.

Who is the contact person/line manager for enquiries?

Abi Ball, Reserves Manager North. aball@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk

Closing date for applications

Closing date will be Midday on Monday 17th February.

When will interviews be held?

Interviews will be held via Microsoft Teams or Zoom the week beginning 3rd March.

Will the Trust require references or PVG disclosure for volunteers before appointing?

Yes, we may choose to contact your references and undertake a PVG check.

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Other information

You must be 18 or over at the start of the placement.

Accommodation is provided free as part of the placement in the volunteer house in Cleadale. It has electricity, showers, cooking facilities. You will be expected to share the living space with other residential volunteers and there are dormitory bedrooms (one dormitory for males and one dormitory for females).

More background information is here:

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/how-to-help/volunteer/residential-volunteering/volunteering-on-the-isle-of-eigg>

<http://isleofeigg.org/>

Please note we receive a high number of applications every year and are only able to contact those applicants who will be invited to interview.