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Department of Conservation

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Ranger (Heritage & Visitor)

Location	Rakiura Stewart Island, Southern South Island
Dates of Employment	5 October 2026 to 2 April 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Ranger based on Rakiura Stewart Island, you will join the Heritage and Visitor team on Rakiura/Stewart Island, where you'll help maintain and enhance a diverse range of visitor and heritage assets across one of New Zealand's most unique conservation landscapes. Working alongside an experienced and supportive team, you'll undertake practical field-based work including track maintenance, basic building and structure repairs, hut and facility maintenance, and visitor infrastructure improvements. Based in Oban and working across remote backcountry locations, this role offers the opportunity to contribute to conservation outcomes while experiencing the outstanding natural beauty, wildlife, and rugged environments that make Rakiura/Stewart Island special.

Key Tasks

- Undertake track maintenance and improvement work, including drainage, vegetation control, track surfacing, and minor construction projects.
- Carry out basic building, visitor facility maintenance and repairs.
- Support the maintenance of heritage sites, structures, and visitor assets across Rakiura/Stewart Island.
- Assist with the delivery of visitor services, including providing information and supporting positive visitor experiences.
- Work across a range of remote backcountry locations up to 10 days, travelling by foot, boat, or vehicle as required.
- Contribute to conservation and biodiversity projects, including pest control and environmental restoration activities.
- Maintain tools, equipment, and materials to ensure safe and efficient field operations.
- Follow health and safety procedures and work effectively in remote and challenging environments.

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Strong communication skills and ability to engage with a wide range of visitors
- High level of self-reliance and ability to work independently in isolated environments
- Good practical skills for track and facility maintenance
- High level of physical fitness for demanding fieldwork
- Experience in backcountry environments
- Ability to work in challenging weather conditions
- Full New Zealand driver's licence
- Ability to safely use hand and power tools.
- Good level of physical fitness
- Strong problem-solving skills and a practical, hands-on approach.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in remote locations.
- A strong commitment to health, safety, and conservation outcomes.
- Experience working in the outdoors, backcountry, or conservation sector is desirable.
- First Aid Certificate, chainsaw qualifications, or experience operating machinery would be advantageous.

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

Join a passionate and supportive team on Rakiura/Stewart Island, where you'll help deliver outstanding visitor experiences and maintain facilities along the iconic Rakiura Track Great Walk. Based at either Port William Hut or North Arm Hut, you'll live and work in a unique remote environment renowned for its stunning landscapes, rich wildlife, and strong conservation values. This is an exceptional opportunity to combine practical outdoor work, visitor engagement, and conservation in one of New Zealand's most special places

Additional Information

Roster: 5 days on, 2 days off from Monday to Friday

Accommodation: Shared accommodation available market rent applies

Number of positions: 1

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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