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BUSHY PARK VOLUNTEER RANGER

Role Description

Volunteer Role	Volunteer Ranger
Location	Bushy Park
Purpose	To welcome visitors to Bushy Park, enhancing their visit and inspiring them to enjoy what the park has to offer by sharing fascinating information about its history and wildlife, as well as upcoming events and activities.
Lead Contact	Jo Meays – Volunteer Officer jmeays@royalparks.org.uk
Role Description	London's eight Royal Parks offer 5,000 acres of historic, nature-rich parkland across the capital, and attract millions of people every single year. The Volunteer Ranger service enables us to welcome and engage with these visitors, offering information and advice about the wildlife, history, and heritage found in our parks. The primary aim of the Volunteer Ranger service is to inspire and educate the many people who enjoy our parks and help them to further understand and appreciate these unique landscapes. Bushy Park is not only fantastic pockets of nature within our bustling capital, but a lifeline for thousands of living things. The park is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, which dates back almost 500 years and has rich natural and historical heritage that we want to share with our park users. The Volunteer Rangers play a key role in protecting and future-proofing these parks by engaging with visitors and offering information and advice about their wildlife, history, and heritage. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wanting to develop their public engagement skills, “give something back” or contribute to the protection of these precious parklands by sharing their passion with other park users.

Key role activities	• Be an ambassador for Bushy Park and The Royal Parks • Roam the park in pairs, man our Ranger Outposts, or get involved in engagement stalls or open days throughout the year • Engage and inspire visitors through friendly conversation to enhance their visitor experience • Share information about the wildlife, history, heritage and management of the park • Offer advice and tips to enhance park user experience and enjoyment
Personal attributes	• Friendly, approachable and enthusiastic – you will be one of the key representatives of the parks • Confident communication skills with the ability to provide an excellent level of customer engagement • Passion for wildlife, heritage and parks with a desire to share this with others • Knowledge of the parks or a willingness to learn • Calm and practical in unexpected situations with good common sense • Ability to undertake activities in the outdoors and in all weathers • Reliable and able to commit to the expected number of sessions • Able to work alongside a range of people • Bilingual skills not essential, but a great bonus!
Time commitment	Volunteer Ranger sessions are two hours long and are available across weekends, bank holidays and weekdays – you choose what sessions you can attend. <i>We ask that volunteers can commit to a <u>minimum</u> of two sessions per month, for at least 6 months, so we can ensure continuity of service. These sessions can be on the same day or spread across the weeks. There is no maximum limit for how many sessions volunteers can complete.</i>
Training and support	The Royal Parks will provide you with a comprehensive introduction and induction to the role, as well as in park training. You will have continuous support and development from a dedicated Volunteer Officer as well as the Bushy Park Team, and the option to join additional training and learning events that complement the Volunteer Ranger role throughout the year.

	You will be provided with a uniform and access to any necessary personal protective equipment. The Royal Parks will reimburse reasonable travel expenses.
Benefit to you	• Gain experience in a public facing role in a nationally important site • Share your passion for Bushy Park, its wildlife, and its history • Give back to the community and connect them with the park's shared heritage • Spend time outdoors in one of London's beautiful and fascinating setting • Inspire members of the public and enhance their visitor experience • Help to protect the Parks natural environment for future generations • Join a great team of volunteers and have fun!
Application process	Closing date: Sunday 9th August at 5pm Please complete the Bushy Park Volunteer Ranger Application 2026 – Fill in form <i>You will need to be over 18 years old to carry out this role.</i>