

Greenwich Park Volunteer Ranger

Role Description

Volunteer role	Volunteer Ranger
Location	Greenwich Park
Purpose	To welcome visitors to Greenwich Park, enhancing their visit and inspiring them to enjoy what the park has to offer by sharing fascinating information about its history and natural heritage, as well as upcoming events and activities.
Lead contact	Anna MacLaughlin – Volunteer Officer amaclaughlin@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. Greenwich was the first Royal Park in London and has a rich natural and cultural history which we want to encourage people to learn more about - whether they're a tourist visiting for the first time, or a local walking their dog! The Volunteer Ranger role is an exciting opportunity for anyone who likes being outdoors, meeting new people, and wants to give back by sharing their passion for Greenwich Park with the communities who enjoy it through engagement and education.
Key role activities	• Be an ambassador for Greenwich Park and The Royal Parks • Roam the park in pairs, man our information kiosk, or support the team at community open days and events throughout the year • Engage and inspire visitors through friendly conversation • 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 heritage, nature 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 a good level of common sense • Ability to undertake activities in the outdoors and in all weathers • Reliable and able to commit to the time commitment requested • Able to work alongside a range of people • Bilingual skills not essential, but a great bonus!
Time commitment	Volunteer Ranger sessions are 2 hours long and are available across weekends, bank holidays, and (some) weekdays – you choose what sessions you are able to 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 Greenwich 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 and develop community engagement skills • Share your passion for Greenwich Park, its wildlife and its history • Give back to the community and connect them with the park's heritage • Spend time outdoors in one of London's most iconic and cherished green spaces • Inspire members of the public and enhance their visitor experience • Help to protect Greenwich Park, ensuring it remains in good condition for future generations • Work with a great team of volunteers and have fun!
Application process	Closing date: Sunday 9 August at 5pm Please complete the Greenwich Park Volunteer Ranger Application Form. You will need to be over 18 years old to carry out this role.