

What would you do if you worked for us?

Below are some situations that National Park workers are faced with.

SITUATION 1

Post: Warden

Salary: £25,000 i £29,000.

Location: Llyn Tegid



Information; Llyn Tegid is near Y Bala in the old county of Merionethshire. You might know it as Bala Lake. Bala is one of the largest towns in Snowdonia National Park. Llyn Tegid is the largest natural lake in Wales and measures 4.5 miles by ½ mile. The Gwyniad and the Glutinous Snail are two unique species within the lake that need protection. At times in the past, the lake has suffered from the effects of Blue-green Algae that can be poisonous to people and animals.

You are responsible for the Warden's Site, the car park and facilities, as well as four other car parks around the lake. You keep an eye on the lake users, sell fishing 'permits' and collect money from launching boats. You also work closely with farmers who farm around the lake and the local people.

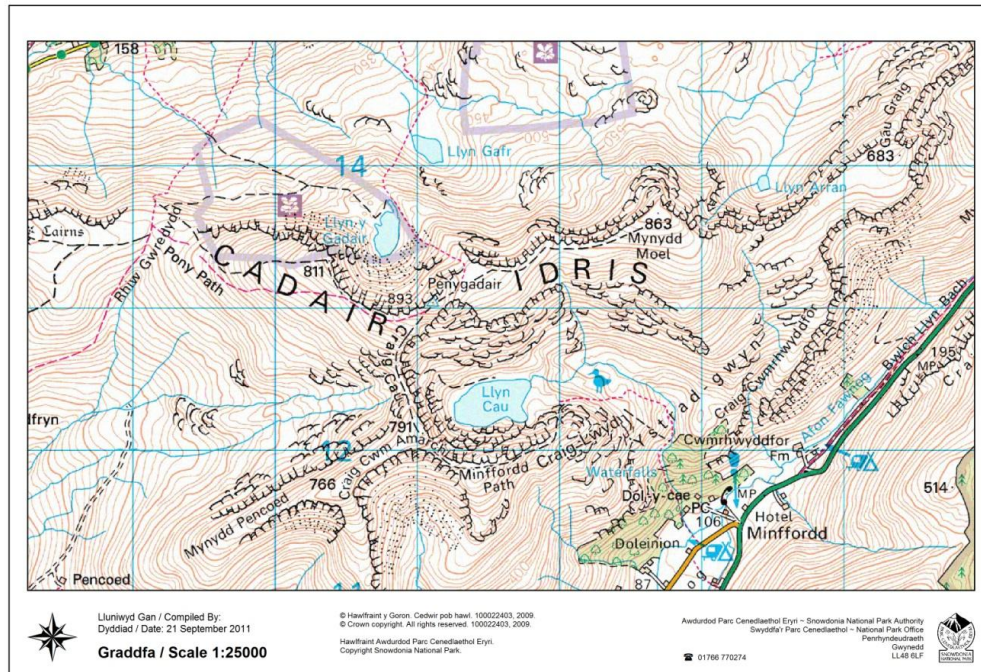
The water level in Llyn Tegid rises after heavy rain. A lot of organic material (trees/leaves/a few dead sheep) is washed to the shore then. Part of your job is to clear this material and to dispose of it.

- **Why would you need to dispose of this material?**
- **Where would you collect the material?**
All the way around the lake? By the warden's site?
At the sites which get most use from visitors? Anywhere else?
- **What will you do with the material?**
Burn it? Transport it to the council's landfill site?
Dispose of it in an environmentally friendly manner? Any other ideas?
- **With whom could you work to dispose of the refuse?**

SITUATION 2

Post: Footpath Worker
Location: Cadair Idris

Salary: £13,700 i £14,900.



Information: Cadair Idris stands at the southern end of the National Park near the towns of Dolgellau, Tywyn and Barmouth. Much of the site is a National Nature Reserve, and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This means that the vegetation, rocks and animals cannot be disturbed without permission by the Countryside Council for Wales. Adam Segwick visited the area in 1831 with his student Charles Darwin. The number of walkers on Cadair Idris has increased from 117,863 in 2000 to 127,857 in 2003. Erosion on Cadair Idris is very bad. Nearby at Dôl Idris there is a low level footpath suitable for the less able. As a footpath worker, you are responsible for re-building/ protecting 5km of footpaths on Cadair Idris. The work is physical and heavy. You work from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm 5 days a week. Sometimes you get a chance to go to local agricultural shows to show your footpath-making skills, and to make bird boxes.

Consider the following.

- Why is work needed on paths like this?
- How would you decide which path or where to start working ?
- Where will you get the material to do the work?
- With which organisations will you have to work?
- How could you monitor the efficiency of your work ?