# THE ROLE OF CADER IDRIS VOLUNTEER WARDEN

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SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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***How would you like to regularly walk the hills and mountains of South Snowdonia as a volunteer warden, whilst providing support and advice to the public and assist the warden service with their essential work?***

***We are intending to increase the presence of the National Park Wardens in South Eryri through recruiting friendly and informative volunteer wardens to join the team. We will provide basic training and mentoring to improve your knowledge of the area and your general maintenance skills. As a volunteer warden we will ask you to patrol specific areas in pairs. A buddy system will be agreed before every patrol.***

**Role:** Cader Idris Volunteer Warden

**Supervisor:** Area Warden

**Main duties:** Patrolling the footpaths and report on issues to the Area Warden, basic maintenance work on access structures, engage with the National Park visitors, monitor visitor infrastructure.

**Patrol Sites:** Cader Idris, Aran Fawddwy and Aran Benllyn, Rhinogydd, Arenig Fawr, Cefnen y Darren.

**Closing Date:** 31st March 2022

## As a Volunteer Warden you will be....

- Working as part of the Warden Team to provide a warm, polite, and captivating welcome to visitors of the National Park by patrolling the footpaths and mountains.
- Offering advice, including mountain safety advice and guide the public on Authority managed sites.
- Informing people politely about any restrictions that could be in some areas (i.e., closed paths, the countryside code, dogs on leads, one-way systems etc.)- but you must always avoid confrontation and prioritize your personal safety.
- Patrol and monitor footpaths, paths and mountains that are promoted in your local area in accordance with your area warden's instruction.
- Collect litter off the footpaths/ mountains when asked to do so and help keep the natural environment clean and welcoming.
- Monitor and report on the condition on any access structures (i.e., gates/ stiles), directional or educational signage and interpretation panels. Basic maintenance work on access furniture and signs if possible.
- Assist the Warden Service to install access structures, signs, and references.
- Report on any concerns or any wider issues (i.e., damage to the natural environment, access furniture or property).
- Report if you see any interesting wildlife or interesting events.
- Engage with visitors and give the area warden feedback in comment form.
- Promote the work of the Authority and encourage the public to explore Snowdonia National Park

## As a Volunteer Warden you should:

- Be ready to engage with the public and offer advice and information as needed.
- Have good local knowledge of the area and have an interest in walking the footpaths and local mountains.
- Be able to travel to patrol locations independently- SNPA will reimburse reasonable travel expenses.
- Have reasonable physical fitness to be able to walk the allocated patrol paths including mountain paths.
- Be enthusiastic about engaging with the public.
- Have experience or interest in developing monitoring skills and report.
- Be enthusiastic about the National Park and have local knowledge about the landscape, history, and areas to visit.
- Be available generally on weekends and bank holidays and be ready to patrol regularly, depending on your availability as a volunteer warden and the 'internal patrol warden rota'.

## You will receive these benefits...

- Our thanks and appreciation for being an invaluable part of the local warden team.
- The chance to patrol some of the most scenic paths in the world and walk up some of the most stunning mountains in Eryri frequently, not mentioning the health benefits that are connected to patrolling.
- Be part of the selected group of wardens who have the responsibility of caring for the National Park, solving issues, and making the Park an enjoyable experience for everyone.
- One to One training with a Warden on general countryside infrastructure maintenance.
- Experience of engaging with the public in beautiful landscapes.
- Reasonable 'out of pocket' expenses will be reimbursed (vehicle miles)
- The National Park's branded clothing (fleece/ waterproofs) and personal protective equipment will be provided as appropriate.

## Further relevant information...

- This role was created in compliance with our various risk assessments- it will be expected that you keep to the practices that are outlined in the risk assessments and any other instructions that are provided by the Wardens and the SNPA Area Staff.
- There are strict login/ logout arrangements for patrolling duties to ensure that we can manage your health and safety. The Area Wardens will usually contact the volunteer wardens with a list of sites and paths to patrol. You must contact the area warden on duty to inform them about your movements, and only patrol with the approval of the area warden.
- This is an outdoor role. Volunteers should wear suitable outdoor shoes and clothing for changeable weather.
- There are no facilities/limited facilities with regards to toilets, food and drink in most sites.
- Please let us know about any medical conditions or special requirements so that we can make provisions.

## How to apply

Fill in the application form and send it back in a email to David P. Jones. David.Jones2@eryri.llyw.cymru

If you are successful we will invite to a taster day in April up Cader Idris to check your Suitability and give you a chance to ask questions about the role.

For further information or to have an informal chat about this role, contact David P. Jones (Senior South Warden): Mobile: 07734 799 249 Office: 01766 772 241