

LUNDY

Long-term Volunteering 2025

Volunteer Assistant Ranger Role Description

Reports to: Island Ranger

The Island

Situated within the Bristol Channel Approaches MPA, Lundy lies 18km from the nearest mainland. Aligned north-south, it is approximately 5km long by 1km wide, with cliffs rising to a plateau at about 110m. Steeped in archaeology, history and natural history, the unique island attracts many visitors, both for its peaceful surroundings, thriving wildlife, scientific research and much more. The surrounding waters are a marine protected area (MPA) while the island itself is mostly granite with a farmed region at the south and open moorland to the north boasting highly protected sites by numerous environmental and heritage designations.

Lundy is owned by the National Trust and managed by the Landmark Trust. The two charities have worked together since 1969 to restore and protect all that is cherished and special about the island. Visitors can travel over on day trips or book a stay in any of the islands 24 self-catering cottages or camp site.

Please refer to the island's website for more information:

www.landmarktrust.org.uk/lundyisland/discovering-lundy

Job Description

The Assistant Ranger role is a voluntary, long-term residential position which supports the Island Ranger deliver practical habitat management and estate maintenance across the high-profile wildlife conservation site. The role is highly varied, and a flexible approach is essential. LANTRA ATV training will be provided along with one other practical ticket upon completion of the season. The candidate will also be expected to undertake general island duties such housekeeping, recycling and visitor engagement as required. Previous volunteers have gone on to further studies or jobs with Natural England, National Trust, RSPB, Wildlife Trusts and The Lundy Company.

Duties:

- Maintenance of island infrastructure such as fences, dry-stone walls, gates and gullies.
- Path clearance, strimming, mowing and wider estate maintenance.
- Conduct ongoing rhododendron eradication and bracken management.
- Lead volunteer work parties on practical tasks.
- Tree maintenance and woodland management.
- Traditional lime mortar building and pointing on occasions when visiting stone masons coincide with volunteering period.
- Wider island duties include cargo handling on busy sailing days, supporting the housekeeping team on busy changeover days and recycling plant duties.

In-house training will be provided. There will also be the opportunity to assist the warden team conduct wildlife surveys where possible. Becoming an integral part of the small island community is a unique aspect of the role and often demands a need for 'all hands on deck'. Successful candidates will be expected to muck in with other duties where required.

Personal Criteria *Candidates must:*

- Be prepared to live and work on a remote island in hostel-style, mixed gender accommodation. Please note, alternative accommodation or camping for short durations (with full access to facilities) may be required in the event of temporary accommodation pressures.
- Candidates must be over the age of 18.
- Hold a good level of health and fitness.
- Confident working independently, operating outdoors in all weather conditions
- Excellent communication skills and adaptable to a small working community.
- Respect and adhere to the islands code of conduct set out by The Lundy Company.
- Keep communal areas clean and tidy.
- Exceptional candidates may hold practical qualifications such as brushcutter, safe pesticide use or first aid tickets.

General Information

Lundy has its own passenger and supply vessel, *MS Oldenburg*, which brings everything and everyone to the Island several times per week. The Island generates its own power and water, complimented by a well-stocked shop and Tavern. Candidates are welcome to arrange for guests to visit the island for a short duration, but regret that pets or partners cannot be housed. The island is rodent-free, so please thoroughly check all luggage before departure.

Accommodation and all meals are provided free of charge for the duration of the role. Sailing tickets are waived and all residential volunteers benefit from concessionary rates in the Island Shop and Tavern.

Duration of role: **1 Apr to 24 Oct 2025.** *Flexible dates will be considered for exceptional candidates.*

Hours of work: Generally, 8am-5pm five days per week (including weekends) but flexible hours are an essential part of island life, especially during the height of the sailing season.

Health and safety: All volunteers are expected to observe all Health and Safety at Work Regulations as set out by The Lundy Company or in accordance with other statutory requirements. All relevant PPE will be provided.

Notice: An initial two-week probationary period will be in place during which time the position can be terminated at any time.

How to apply: Send a completed Assistant Ranger Application Form to the warden. Please note, the closing date for all applications is 11:59 pm on **1 Dec 2024.**

Any further questions or queries please contact the Island Warden.

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