

# RANGER PORTRAIT

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## Main duties:

- environmental education
- monitoring trail conditions & maintenance work
- monitoring nature

## Why is your work important to you?

Because I get to be out in nature which I love. Being a ranger I feel I can really have an impact on how people see nature and experience it.

## What is your greatest motivator even when it's hard working out there?

I think those are the moments when I get through to people and feel that by having a conversation and explaining our tasks I am changing their minds towards a more positive image about the ranger job and protected areas. This really inspires me to go on.

## Your biggest moment of luck during work?

My first summer in Fjallabak I got to go on a horse trip with a local travel company in the area, which both made me see the area from a different perspective and helped communicating with the locals. Above all, it is the encounters during my work that make up the many the unforgettable moments.



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