

# RANGER PORTRAIT

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## Main duties:

- team and resource management
- management and supervision of nature reserves, protected biotopes and other natural areas
- compliance patrols

## Why is your work important to you?

It's not about saving nature just for nature's sake – as a species we are dependent on it. My job is doubly connected to this: we protect and manage our natural spaces and we work to make them sustainably accessible.

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

Taking a moment to be present and notice something. It could be a small patch of moss creating its own miniscule forest habitat on a rock in a pine forest, it could be the moon in the sky. Things that remind me how small a part of the universe I am, and how big a difference small actions can make.

## Your biggest moment of luck during work?

My colleague Hampus and I were out one morning when he noticed a magpie pecking at something on the footpath. We went over for a look and discovered a baby adder, curled up defensively and in fighting spirit.

We managed to move it on to the safety of the nearby bushes where it could find a safer rock to sun itself on.



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