

RANGER PORTRAIT

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Main duties:

- Visitor and resident communication
- Environmental education
- Involvement of nature user groups

Why is your work important to you?

I am convinced that we are part of nature, so we must sustain nature in order to sustain ourselves. The only way to do that is to experience and be involved in nature.

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

Today we are all involved with offices, computers, social media. So my reason for going out every day is to involve people with nature. To let them know more and experience the intriguing things that happen in nature.

Your biggest moment of luck during work?

I was in the dunes on a quiet winter morning, watching three roe deer when a fox appeared. He noticed the deer, they noticed the fox. I was still lying there and it took about 15 minutes for the fox to turn away.

All three species interacted in a sort of triangle by doing nothing.



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