

Volunteer Role Description



Title	Roving Scientist
Main purpose	Provide short, engaging, geoscience based interpretive learning experiences to trail users on local hiking and walking trails.
Duties & tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring and setup the Roving Scientist interpretive package (consisting of a backpack and collapsible table) on hiking and walking trails around town. Locations include Grassi Lakes, Cougar Creek, and Riverside park • Deliver brief 1-5 minute geoscience interpretive programs to trail users • Be prepared to answer questions about geology and the Canmore museum • Help identify new and interesting geological features for future programs • Assist with presenting roving type programs at museum special events
Location	Our Museum and Geoscience facility is housed within the Canmore Civic Centre, an architectural focal point and community hub, which is located in the heart of Canmore.
Approx. time and duration	Weekend afternoons in June through October. The typical Roving Shift involves picking the roving materials up from the museum at approximately 11:30/12:00, before spending 3-4 hours at your assigned location. Locations will involve between 5-60 minutes of walking with backpack and collapsible table to reach.
Training and introduction	Roving Scientist volunteers are expected to complete a day of “roving” training in June. This training involves wildlife safety, interpretive training, and an overview of the Roving program and locations. Additional information will be provided. New rovers will spend their first few shifts training with experienced rovers. Rovers who commit to a full season will be given the opportunity to get Apprentice Interpretive Guide training from the Interpretive Guides Association.
Useful skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An interest in local geology and geological outreach - Enjoy the outdoors and have the ability to stand outside for 3-4 hours at a time. - Be responsible, reliable, and present a professional appearance - Ability to carry out unsupervised tasks
Benefits of volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great excuse to spend time outside surrounded by mountains and scenery • Satisfaction of providing valuable community service • Recognition and gratitude, a free membership, and discounts at our gift shop • opportunity to receive apprentice interpretive guide training • Make new friends and meet people from around the world • Invitations to parties and members only events
Other information	<p style="text-align: center;">All equipment, training, and materials will be provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A pre-screening interview is required.</p>
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