

WORLD RANGER DAY

commemorate and celebrate

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What is World Ranger Day?

World Ranger Day is observed on the 31st of July each year.

It is the day to commemorate the many Rangers killed or injured in the line of duty.

It is also the day to celebrate Rangers and the work they do to protect the world's natural and cultural treasures.

World Ranger Day is promoted by the 54 member associations of the International Ranger Federation (IRF), by our partner the Thin Green Line Foundation, and by individuals who support the work of Rangers and the IRF.

The first World Ranger Day was observed in 2007 on the 15th anniversary of the founding of the IRF.

How can I celebrate World Ranger Day?

You can celebrate World Ranger Day in a number of ways:

- Light a candle and observe a minute's silence to think about those Rangers who have died in the line of duty
- Wear a green ribbon in remembrance
- Plant a tree as a living tribute to Rangers around the world
- Host a screening of the international Ranger documentary *The Thin Green Line*
- Take the time to talk with park visitors and partners about the work of Rangers around the world
- Host a special public event in or near your park dedicated to the work of Rangers in your particular area and highlight the role they share with Rangers around the world
- Meet with your local communities, partners, and support groups to talk about the work of the IRF and how they can help support Rangers and protected areas
- Visit a school – engage young people in the future of world parks, biodiversity, and conservation
- Invite a Ranger from another park or country to join you and your co-workers for a week in your park, encompassing the 31st of July



- Rangers may wish to meet with fellow park staff and/or your boss to discuss World Ranger Day and the role of Rangers, including the work of the IRF
- Seek partners and donors interested in supporting and sustaining the work of your protected area and the IRF
- Write an article for your local newspaper about Rangers and the significance of World Ranger Day
- Present an award to a Ranger in your park or ranger association who has made a special contribution to the management of protected areas, their association or the IRF
- Lobby your state or national government to establish a National Ranger Day
- Have fun! Celebrate your role in protecting the world's natural and cultural treasures

How will others be celebrating in 2011?

- Rangers from Kiskunság National Park in Hungary will be providing ranger guided tours for their visitors as well as a small exhibition and an information desk.
- Rangers from Anza Borrego Desert State Park in California will host an advanced screening of 'A history of California State Parks'. They will also promote their training efforts at their sister park Ikh Nart Chuluu Nature Reserve in Mongolia.
- Volunteers from Italy's Volontari D'Europa, an Associate Member of the IRF, will pause to remember those rangers killed in the line of duty.
- The Queensland Ranger Association will be hosting a fund raising dinner.
- The Council of Australian Rangers Associations will be publishing a media release.
- Rangers from Dartmoor National Park in the United Kingdom will be putting on a display at Paignton Zoo.

We can do nothing to bring the fallen Rangers back, but we can honour their memory and ensure their sacrifice is never forgotten.

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