

A CAREER IN Game and Wildlife



Introduction to Game and Wildlife

If you enjoy working outdoors and value wildlife conservation, the Game and Wildlife Management industry can offer you a diverse and varied range of career opportunities.

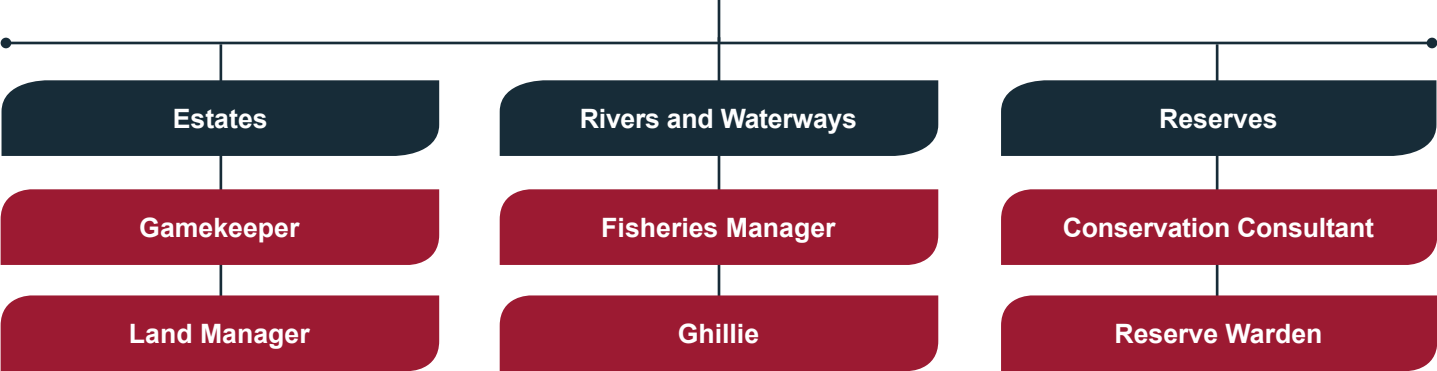
You will need practical skills, knowledge of the countryside and its wildlife as well as an ability to work well with people. If you can use your initiative, take responsibility and are prepared to work hard, this could be an incredibly rewarding career for you.



Career Options

There are lots of opportunities available for new entrants into game and wildlife and there are many different options within the industry. Have a look at some examples of jobs for inspiration.

GAME and WILDLIFE



11,000

Sporting shooting sustains 11,000 full-time jobs in Scotland, often in fragile and remote communities



River ghillies provide skilled management of Scotland's lochs and rivers, helping promote the health of waterways and the species they sustain



16,000

3.9 million working days are spent on conservation, the equivalent of 16,000 full-time jobs

Routes into a career in Game and Wildlife

Depending on your current skills and experience, you could enter at different levels.

JOB LEVELS	VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	SCQF LEVEL	ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
Director Level		12	Doctorate
		11	Masters
Managerial Roles	Technical Apprenticeship in Rural Land Use and Management	10	Honours Degree
		9	Degree
		8	HND
Supervisory Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification	7	Advanced Higher HNC Game and Wildlife Management
		6	NPA Estate Maintenance
Supervised Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification Modern Apprenticeship	5	NC Estate Maintenance NC Gamekeeping

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£14,000+

The starting salary for a stalker, gamekeeper or ghillie can be around £14,000, but employers often provide accommodation and transport



1.6 billion

Shooting is worth an estimated £1.6 billion per year to the UK economy



Roughly 2 million hectares of land and waters in the UK are actively managed for conservation of landscape and habitats, as a result of shooting activities.



Our Stories



Connor Aubrey

Connor has been doing an NC in Game and Wildlife Management with North Highland College UHI, while working at Ardverikie Estate.

"I'm lucky to be on an extremely well-run estate with lots of very experienced people who are hard-working and great fun. Seeing the smiles on our guests' faces at the end of a day's stalking, knowing that I've contributed to that, is really enjoyable. While it is hard physically and mentally, and is certainly not a 9-5 job, the rewards are outstanding and every day is different. There are so many things that I get satisfaction from in my job and I feel lucky that my work is my passion."

Megan Rowland

Megan did an HNC in Game and Wildlife Management with North Highland College UHI, and is now working as an Assistant Land Manager for Practical Land Management. She is Lantra Scotland's learner of the year.

"I get a lot of satisfaction from the physical and mental challenges presented in my job, and the problem-solving required to overcome them. Most of all I enjoy the variety. In a week we can go from felling trees and cutting them for firewood, to stalking stags on the hill tops, to undertaking predator control in the early hours of the morning. If you love working outdoors and have a passion for wildlife, sourcing local food, sustainability and community, you will struggle to find a line of work that's more satisfying and enjoyable."



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