

A CAREER IN 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.

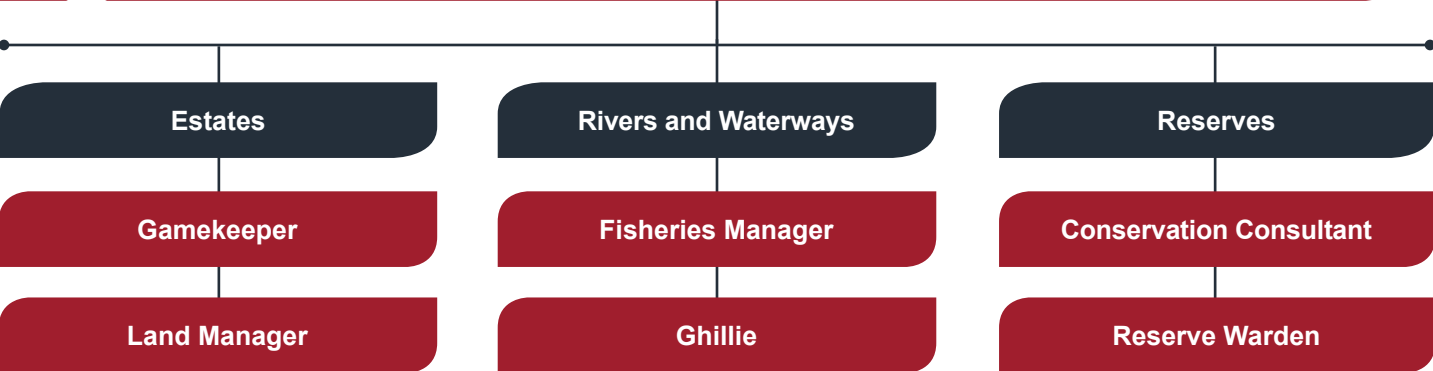
You will need practical skills, knowledge of the countryside and its wildlife as well as an ability to work well with people. If you can use your initiative, take responsibility and are prepared to work hard, this could be an incredibly rewarding career for you.



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



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



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	WORK-BASED	SCQF LEVEL	SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
Director Level		12	Doctorate
		11	Masters
Managerial Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification Technical Apprenticeship in Rural Land Use and Management	10	Honours Degree
		9	Degree
		8	HND Countryside Management
Supervisory Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification	7	Advanced Higher HNC Game and Wildlife Management HNC Countryside and Environmental Management
		6	Higher NQ Countryside Skills and Deer Management for Conservation
Supervised Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification Modern Apprenticeship	5	National 5 NC Gamekeeping NPA Rural Skills
Entry Level		4	NC Rural Skills National 4 Skills for Work: Rural Skills

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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



Andy Oldham

Andy Oldham Did NC HNC Game and Wildlife Management. Deer Stalker/ Gamekeeper. After a career in the Royal Marines, Andy decided to fulfil his dream of being a deerstalker and did an HNC in Game and Wildlife Management with North Highland College UHI.

"I thought it would be difficult to find a new role that could provide me with the same level of challenges and sense of achievement as 25 years in the Royal Marines, but becoming a deerstalker was the perfect move. It's a really rewarding career, as you're privileged to be managing one of the country's most iconic mammals, while working in such a picturesque environment."

"There aren't many jobs in which you share your office with Golden Eagles and Ptarmigan, while enjoying a view of Ben Nevis. Whether it's being there for someone's first experience of deer stalking or interacting with people from all walks of life on wildlife tours, there are highlights every day. My new role has exceeded all that I wanted my new career to be."

Charlie Blance

Charlie studied Gamekeeping and Wildlife at Borders College, doing a placement on the Isle of Rum with Scottish Natural Heritage, before securing a seasonal position on an estate on Rannoch Moor.

"The proactive role that gamekeeping has in conservation really appeals to me, as without the sustainable management of some species, others would suffer dramatically."

"Country sports gives natural spaces such as moorland, hedgerows and mixed woodland a reason to exist, ensuring a diversity of habitats. Being able to protect the stunning array of fauna and flora we are lucky enough to have in Scotland is really why I chose this career."

"On the estate I'm working on now, we take active steps to promote biodiversity, removing invasive flora species, providing dead wood for microfauna and engaging in predator control to protect ground nesting birds. I've had a great start to what I hope will be a long career in this industry."



Find out more

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