

Warden Michael Taylor

Born and raised in Pincher Creek, Alberta. Attended post-secondary school in Lethbridge, Alberta.

I have been a Warden in PANP since January 2008. I transferred to this national park after working at a northern national park for the better part of two years. I've worked in two other national parks in the Warden role: Banff and Wapusk. I've also worked in Waterton Lakes NP in a non-warden capacity for three seasons.

I am a second generation Park Warden. My grandmother's uncle was a Warden in our 'home park' of Waterton Lakes in the early 1900s.

Life as a Warden is great. We have a diverse role to play in park operations and management and possess good knowledge of the areas we work in. The role varies day to day; one moment you're chasing a bear from a campground, the next you are gearing up for a search and rescue operation, or you're dealing with a law enforcement occurrence. As the role varies, so does the equipment we use. We employ snowmobiles, skis, helicopters, boats, trucks and other equipment on a routine basis.

Interesting story from PANP to date: I've spent some great evenings out on Kingsmere Lake, while on lake patrols in the beautiful and immense boreal forest, you get to see fish rise to feed on surface insects and if you're lucky you can watch fire flies dance in the evening sky from the Warden Patrol cabin window.