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Volunteer role description

Role title: Trainee Ranger (South Notts)
Team/Group: Reserve Management
Your volunteer leader: Miriam Lawley (Reserve Ranger South)

Volunteering base: **Attenborough Nature Reserve and Nature Reserves in the South of the County**

Why we need this role

This post is for a placement of 9 months to gain experience of delivering exemplary practical habitat management on our suite of exciting reserves in the southern half of the County as well as supporting opportunities for public engagement on our reserves.

The trainee post is 3 days per week, and may suit a student part-way through a degree in a related subject, e.g. horticulture, ecology, agriculture or conservation.

What this role involves

- Carry out practical habitat management on all land managed by the Trust for nature conservation, as directed by your Volunteer Leader.
 - Help ensure all vehicles, machinery, tools and equipment are left in a suitable condition or repaired.
 - Undertake practical conservation work using a range of specialist tools and equipment under the direction of the Volunteer Leader.
 - Deliver grassland and woodland management, habitat creation, scrub clearance, basic tree work, fencing repairs, hedge laying and control of invasive species under guidance from staff.
 - Help staff to ensure a safe environment for people and wildlife.
 - Support efforts to enhance the conservation value, infrastructure and visitor experiences on Trust land.
 - Assist with the monitoring of habitat management activity and its impact on land managed by the Trust for nature conservation.
 - Maintain accurate computer and paper records as instructed, including volunteering records, time sheets, mileage logs and habitat management activity.
 - Follow health and safety guidance and risk management protocols for all activities.
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Experience and skills needed

Although no specific experience is required, it would be desirable to have previous experience of outdoor volunteering in a practical setting

- High level of enthusiasm, self-motivation and self-discipline
- Ability to follow clear instructions
- Ability to work as part of a team and on own initiative
- Flexible and positive approach
- Demonstrable commitment to nature conservation
- Be able to commit to 3 days per week for the 9 month traineeship
- Awareness of the habitats and wildlife of Nottinghamshire
- Excellent inter-personal and communication skills
- Ability to liaise effectively with a wide range of people
- Efficient administration and organisation
- IT literate with knowledge of Microsoft Office software
- Full UK Driving Licence

Benefits and training opportunities

- Possible training available depending on the applicant in the use of power tools such as brush cutter and chainsaw.
- Gain valuable experience for future employment prospects
- Meet new people and work as part of a team
- Learn new skills and about habitat management
- Improved fitness, health and wellbeing
- A full induction and demonstration of safe use of tools and habitat care
- Help protect your local environment
- Feel more connected to nature

Commitment

- 3 days per week
- This role is based at the Attenborough nature reserve and involves travelling to other nature reserves in the south of the county
- This is a voluntary position

Duration of role

Fixed term for 9 months

References required?

Yes

All volunteers are asked to agree to our [Volunteer Code of Conduct](#)

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