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Volunteer role description

Role title:	Practical Conservation Volunteer, Nature Reserves North Notts
Team/Group:	Reserve Management/ People and Wildlife FRIDAY GROUP
Your volunteer leader:	Reserve Ranger
Volunteering base:	Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre, North Road, Retford DN22 8QT

Why we need this role

We need volunteers to join our North Notts practical conservation team to help conserve, enhance and maintain the important, diverse habitats at our nature reserves in Nottinghamshire. Practical volunteering provides an essential support for the reserve team throughout the seasons, with activities such as scrub clearance, tree planting, bailing hay, path maintenance and much more. Many reserves are open to the public 7 days a week and require regular maintenance to support access to nature for everyone. Our practical volunteers help achieve this.

What this role involves

Practical conservation volunteers meet weekly to carry out a wide range of tasks on our reserves throughout Nottinghamshire. As a volunteer you will be working as part of a fantastic team of diverse ages and backgrounds who come together to make a difference for wildlife and people's appreciation of it.

We request each volunteer to dress for the weather; wearing layers is the best way to prepare for the good old British climate. Wear something you don't mind getting messy and stout footwear or wellies. All activities are outdoors so please bring a drink and a packed lunch. We provide all tools and personal protection equipment such as gloves and hard hats.

Experience and skills needed

- Have a moderate/good level of fitness
- Be able to work as part of a team working closely with other people.
- Follow instructions – for your safety and everyone else's.
- Have an interest in the natural environment and wildlife
- A willingness to learn new skills and gain new experiences.

Please note - if you require assistance/support in your everyday life, you will need to attend with someone who can support you in order to join these practical volunteering sessions

Benefits and training opportunities

Help protect your local environment

Feel more connected to nature

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

Commitment

We have weekly practical volunteer sessions at our nature reserves across the North of the county on Fridays. Please arrive in time for a 10am start. Sessions generally end at 3pm. There are drinks and lunch breaks.

We ask all volunteers to attend as regularly as they can for their sessions and let their Volunteer Leader know if they cannot attend. This helps with planning tasks and the tools and equipment need.

Duration of role

Ongoing.

References required?

No

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

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