

Volunteer Opportunities

with the Forestry Commission

Do you enjoy the outdoors, getting stuck in and like a bit of hard work?

Why not join the Forestry Commission for an assortment of practical conservation tasks where you really can make a difference to our habitats and the wildlife living within them.

No experience necessary.

Please wear sturdy footwear and clothing that is appropriate to the time of year.

If you're interested in joining us, please give us a ring so we bring enough tools on the day.

01623 822 447

Sat 2 May – 5.30am

Kiveton Community Woodland, Rotherham

Learn how to identify bird song and help SK58 conduct their annual survey at the Dawn Chorus.

Meet at the Colliery Road Entrance

Sun 3 May – 5.30am

Bentley Community Woodland, Doncaster

Join the ranger to conduct our first Dawn Chorus survey at this new woodland.

Meet at the end of the Avenue

Sat 9 May – 5.30am

Dinnington Community Woodland,
Doncaster

Learn how to identify bird song and help SK58 conduct their annual survey at the Dawn Chorus

Meet at Church Lane entrance.

Sun 31 May - 10am

Pleasley Park, Nottinghamshire

Learn how to identify wild flowers & help us to record species within the woodland. No previous experience required.

Meet at car park off Wood Lane

Sun 12 July - 10am

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION DAY

Brierly Forest Visitors Centre

Join us for a day of demonstrations, activities and a free lunch. Also a chance to find out more about volunteering with the Forestry Commission.

Ring for details, booking required

The ranger leading the event has the right to refuse any member of the public from the event if it is felt they are inadequately dressed and or due to health and safety risks. For all events there needs to be a minimum number of participants in order for it to be run. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Sun 19 July – 1.30pm

Cudworth Common, Barnsley

Help us to remove the invasive Lupin flower from taking over this newly planted woodland site.

Meet at Pinfold Car Park

Thurs 23 July - 9pm

Sherwood Heath, Nottinghamshire

Join the Friends of Sherwood Heath, Cockglode & Rotary Woods in our quest to find the elusive Glow Worm!

Meet at Ollerton Tourist Information

Sun 13 September - 10am

Wombwell Wood, South Yorkshire

Get stuck in and help us manage this scenic maturing woodland.

Meet at the car park off Woodhead Lane

Sun 20 September - 10am

Chambers Farm Wood, Lincolnshire

Various practical works need starting in Chambers Farm Wood. Join us for some hard labour with plenty of tea and biscuits.

Meet at the car park

Sat 10 October - 10am

Sherwood Pines, Nottinghamshire

Help us to maintain the bike trails in Sherwood Pines Forest Park.

Meet at the small black classroom

Sun 11 October - 10am

Silverhill Wood, Nottinghamshire

The memorial benches are being lost under vegetation. Join us to help clear around them making room for them to be used.

Meet at the car park off Silverhill Lane

Wed 4 Nov - 10am – 1pm

Cudworth Common, Barnsley

Join FC and RSPB to learn to identify wildfowl and waders and help to conduct the first survey ever done on Cudworth.

Meet at the Pinfold car park

Sun 8 November - 10am

Boundary Wood, Nottinghamshire

There are plenty of jobs that need starting this winter so come and get stuck in helping us to manage your woodland for the future.

Meet at barrier off Burma Road

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Wombwell Wood, South Yorkshire

Get stuck in to rhododendron removal and tree thinning with a rewarding cup of tea at the end.

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Further details of regular groups that meet in your area

Green Gym

Every Wednesday

All around the Doncaster area

Join the Forestry Commission for Gentle exercise as well as managing scenic woodlands in and around the Doncaster area.

Doncaster Green Gym is an exciting project that enables individuals to become fitter and healthier by taking part in nature conservation activities to improve green spaces in Doncaster. Get involved in tree coppicing, hedgelaying, fence removal, step building, wildlife surveys and much more...

Sessions last 2-4 hours and are run by a friendly and experienced leader who will provide training in practical skills.

For further details get in touch with Kelly Brindley (01302) 820 278

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Friends and Users of Boughton Brake

One Sunday per month

Boughton Brake, Nottinghamshire

Join the group once a month to manage this scenic mature woodland.

Call Kath Parkes for further details (01623) 863 413

Friends of Sherwood Heath, Cockglode and Rotary Wood

One Tuesday per month

Meet at Ollerton Tourist Information Centre, Nottinghamshire

Help the group manage this local nature reserve and aid its conservation for future generations.

Call for further details (01623) 822 447

Oak Tree SAFE

Every Wednesday 9.30am

Oak Tree Heath, Nottinghamshire

Join the group once a month to manage this local nature reserve important for its heathland.

Call Barbara Belford for further details (01623) 638 880 / 07873 247 867

Trail Buidling Days

Into mountainbiking?

There'll be several trail building days at Sherwood Pines during 2009.

So pick up a spade and help us out.

Call for further details (01623) 822 447

Friends of Tippings Wood

Tippings Wood, Nottinghamshire

Join the group to manage this maturing woodland.

Call John Wood for further details (01623) 822 447

Further Volunteer Opportunities are available in South Yorkshire (01302) 820 278 and Lincolnshire (01526) 399 943, please call for details.