

Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	Practical Reserve Work
Volunteer Manager	RSPB Reserve Team
Where you will be based	Community

Why we want you

Our nature reserves are very special places for people and wildlife. Right across the UK the RSPB manages woodlands and wetlands, heathlands and meadows. A real mosaic of different kinds of habitats for a wide range of wildlife. We want to make sure they are special places for people too.

We rely on volunteers to undertake practical work that keeps the habitats in good shape and to help maintain the paths and benches and fences. It is work that never stops.

It might seem like these wild places have always just been there. But quite often we have to work really hard to maintain habitats to be in the best condition for wildlife. We have lost a lot of wild landscapes, so the small places that we do have, need a bit of extra care.

The RSPB is the UK's largest nature conservation charity! Join our fantastic volunteers who are helping to inspire everyone to give nature a home and secure a healthy environment for wildlife. We will help you gain skills and give you an invaluable insight into our essential work.

What you will be doing

- Joining a regular practical work party team to undertake practical habitat management tasks:
- Cutting and clearing vegetation.
- Maintaining and managing tools and equipment.
- Creating and maintaining visitor infrastructure, such as paths and benches.
- Following annual work plans.
- Following Health and Safety protocols.

The skills you need

- Essential skills:
- Ability to carry out a reasonable level of physical activity (not all tasks are very strenuous).
- Beneficial skills:
- Prior practical skills knowledge welcomed.

What's in it for you

- If you enjoy being outdoors, then this role could be the perfect opportunity for you. This role will involve a reasonable amount of physical activity, so will enable you to keep your fitness levels high, as well as helping your mental health and wellbeing.
- You will be making a genuine contribution to nature conservation, and you might find it rewarding to safeguard nature in the area you are working to protect.
- We are a friendly and supportive team, so you might make new friends too. If you are volunteering to learn new skills and gain knowledge about wildlife conservation work, you will find that our team will be more than happy to help you on that journey.

Disclaimer

Suitable for under 18's.

Appropriate protective equipment is provided.

If you would like to understand more about the physical activity required, please get it touch, as it will be possible to identify different tasks (such as maintaining tools or gardening in wildlife garden areas).

The RSPB will reimburse you for out of pocket expenses travel expenses, we will provide the equipment, training and any uniform needed for you to complete the role

We're now the largest nature conservation charity in the country, consistently delivering successful conservation, forging powerful new partnerships with other organisations and inspiring others to stand up and give nature the home it deserves. We rely on the support and generosity of our volunteers to make a difference

Our work stretches far beyond the UK. Wherever wildlife is in threat, we'll work with partners across the globe to help save it and give it a home.