

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



Volunteer Role / Title
Conservation Volunteer – North East
Location
You would be working on our nature reserves in North East Scotland.
How many volunteers are needed?
Up to 4
How many hours per day/per week are you needed?
Up to 30 hours a week, but you can choose how frequently you attend.
On which days are you needed?
During the working week, Monday to Thursday.
On what date do we want you to start?
Any time of the year is perfect.
End Date (if applicable)
This is an open ended opportunity. We require volunteers all year round.
Minimum commitment we require from you, if any
There is no minimum commitment and you should attend whenever you are available. However, if you do volunteer then please set aside a full day.
Objective(s) of your volunteer role
To work as part of a small group of volunteers helping the Scottish Wildlife Trust's Reserve Project Officer manage a number of our nature reserves in Tayside, Angus, Perthshire, and occasionally in Aberdeenshire.
Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To undertake a range of practical conservation tasks as part of a small group such as; footpath repairs, tree felling, building boardwalks, controlling non-native species (such as Himalayan balsam), scrub control, grassland management.• To use a range of hand tools and occasionally power tools.

Description of the personal attributes/skills/qualifications required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be interested in the environment and have a desire to help a conservation charity by undertaking manual outdoor work. • Must be willing to undertake outdoor physical work sometimes in difficult conditions underfoot (eg boggy ground & steep slopes). • Must be prepared to work sometimes in poor weather (eg rain, cold). • Previous experience is not essential but would be an advantage as would experience of using handtools or any carpentry experience. • Must be able to follow health and safety instructions.
Support/training?
All on the job training will be provided as well as health and safety instruction and supervision. The Reserves Project Officer will provide help and advice as required.
Who is the contact person/line manager for enquiries?
Peter Gilbert, Volunteer Development Officer pgilbert@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk 0131 312 4732
Can SWT provide expenses e.g. for travel or branded clothing?
We will provide you with steel toe capped boots and any safety equipment required.
Other (Any age restriction, lifts available? Disabled access?)
<p>Our minimum age is 16 years.</p> <p>In winter/cold weather you should bring warm outdoor clothing, waterproofs and working boots.</p> <p>The team will carry out a wide range of work and each day may be different in terms of the work that is undertaken.</p> <p>We will ask potential volunteers to complete a simple application form and will then invite you for a taster day or informal chat with the Reserves Project Officer.</p> <p>The Reserves Project Group is based in Dundee and volunteers can be provided with a lift each day to and from the worksite or met at the worksite.</p>