**Volunteer Roles**

Volunteering is a great way to gain more experience and skills to give your CV the edge. Volunteering is essential if you’re hoping for a career in the conservation or charity sector.

The Eastern Moors is an area of the spectacular Peak District managed in partnership by the UKs leading conservation charities, the RSPB and the National Trust. There are lots of ways to volunteer depending on your skills and interests, and you’ll be working as part of a friendly team in a beautiful area.

As a volunteer you will be provided with all the training, support and equipment you need for the job. We will reimburse your travel expenses so you won’t be out of pocket for volunteering.

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| **Muck In and Youth Ranger Leader** | Accepting enquiries |
| Why we want you | We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to become Youth and Junior Ranger Leaders, helping to plan and prepare the Youth Ranger programme, and deliver and lead Youth Ranger sessions throughout the year as well as assist with Muck In days and the incorporated Junior Ranger Programme. You will become a member of a small team supervising and facilitating young people aged 11-18 years, during countryside related activities on the Eastern Moors. You will also assist with Muck In days which are family friendly volunteer sessions, and the incorporated Junior Ranger rewards programme for Under 18s. |
| What’s in it for you? | You will become part of an active team, committed to enthusing people about nature.  You will develop your skills in delivering environmentally themed activities with a range of audiences.  An excellent opportunity for anyone interested in working with children and young people, or interested in community engagement. |
| The skills you need | You will be enthusiastic and approachable, with an outgoing personality and a natural repertoire with young people.  You will have practical aptitude and a passion for the outdoors with a desire to help others to enjoy it.  You will be required to attend informal training. You may be required to attend child protection and welfare training.  You may be offered training opportunities to further expand your role and experience.  Own transport reqired. |
| Commitment | Regular, second Sunday of each month |

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| **Community and Events Volunteers** | No current vacancies |
| Why we want you | We’re looking for friendly and enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy working with people of all ages and walks of life. You’ll help with our varied family events programme, guided walks and assisting with our Guardianship schools groups. This could involve tasks from practical conservation to manning a stand promoting our work at an event. |
| What’s in it for you? | You will become part of an active team, committed to enthusing people about nature.  You will develop your skills in delivering environmentally themed activities with a range of audiences.  An excellent opportunity for anyone interested in working in community engagement. |
| The skills you need | You will be enthusiastic about nature and the Eastern Moors, ideally with a good knowledge of our wildlife.  You will be approachable with an outgoing personality and an ability to engage others.  You may be required to attend formal or informal training in child protection and welfare.  Own transport reqired. |
| Commitment | Occasional and dependant on events programme. |

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| **Estate Assistant** | Volunteers needed! |
| Why we want you | We have a team of core volunteers who assist in the areas of habitat management and estate maintenance. This role covers a wide variety of tasks such as woodland management, moorland management and maintaining infrastructure such as gates, pathways and drystone walls. All these tasks and more are vital for the conservation of the site and for retaining good access to, and around the estate. |
| What’s in it for you? | To work as part of the site team and learn more about the estate.  The opportunity to build up skills and experience in the field of nature conservation and land management. This is an excellent chance to make a genuine contribution to wildlife conservation.  You will gain practical skills which are highly applicable for conservation careers such as ranger and warden. |
| The skills you need | Enthusiasm and an interest in conservation are essential. A variety of skills are needed although appropriate training will be provided.  A good level of fitness is essential and the ability to work outdoors in all weather.  You will need an up-to-date tetanus injection and to enjoy working in a team.  Own transport reqired. |
| Commitment | Flexible, please enquire.  Work parties weekly, Thursday 10am-3pm.  Muck in days, one Sunday a month 10am-12.30pm |

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| **Archaeology volunteer** | Volunteers needed! |
| Why we want you | The Eastern Moors are exceptionally rich in archaeological features ranging from prehistoric to more modern remains. We need archaeology monitors to assist the warden by monitoring these features to ensure they remain in an excellent condition for the future. |
| What’s in it for you? | Find out about a range of archaeological features and gain an understanding of how archaeological sites are managed.  Play a key role in protecting the archaeological features of the estate for the future. As well as the chance to get out and about and enjoy this fantastic estate. |
| The skills you need | An interest in archaeology and historical land use. The ability to read a map and use a GPS.  Willing to attend informal training.  Own transport and able to work independently. |
| Commitment | Minimum once a year, autumn/winter. |

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| **Ecological Monitoring volunteer** | Accepting enquiries. Opportunities arise seasonally. |
| Why we want you | The Eastern Moors is an amazing place for wildlife. In order for us to fully understand the habitats and species the Eastern Moors supports, it is essential for us to monitor them and keep a record. This is achieved through a programme of detailed monitoring projects ranging from upland bird surveys, vegetation surveys and water vole surveys. |
| What’s in it for you? | You will gain new skills or improve skills you already have, as well as making a valuable contribution to conservation in your area.  ID and survey skills are vital for conservation and ecology careers. We will provide you with appropriate support and training. |
| The skills you need | You will need to have an enthusiasm for wildlife and conservation. Some wildlife identification skills are desirable but training will be provided. Some of the monitoring projects will take you over rough and sometimes challenging terrain, so you need to be physically fit.    You will be required to attend informal training.  Own transport usually required. |
| Commitment | Dependant on season and survey. |

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| **Patrol Ranger** | Volunteers needed! |
| Why we want you | The Eastern Moors is a fantastic site which is easily accessible to people from the surrounding area who use the land for many different reasons. We need patrol rangers to support our team by walking the paths on a regular basis and reporting back on the condition of the infrastructure, and carrying out small repairs where possible. As well as this, patrol rangers act as the face of the Eastern Moors, talking to people who are out and about and promoting our messages such as Take the Lead and providing guidance by offering walking trail maps. |
| What’s in it for you? | To play a vital role in the team of Eastern Moors by helping us promote our messages and maintain our infrastructure.  An excellent excuse to spend your time exploring our beautiful moors! |
| The skills you need | You will need to have a good existing knowledge of the site and the paths and ideally already be a regular walker, biker, horse rider etc. who is out and about weekly.    You may have an existing knowledge of the local wildlife and archaeology although we will provide training.  You must be an approachable individual who is willing to engage with the public over important issues, for example where their behaviour is damaging to our habitats. |
| Commitment | Flexible days, at least once a month. |

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| **Social Media Volunteer** | Volunteers needed! |
| Why we want you | At Eastern Moors we don't have a visitor centre, café, or any other way to interact with our community face to face every day. Therefore, social media provides us an excellent opportunity to bring together and talk to our community. A dedicated social media volunteer would provide us with support in this area by helping us to create relevant and up to date content for our social media channels. They would work with staff to develop this content, and be given training and resources to properly represent us. |
| What’s in it for you? | As our social media volunteer you’ll gain industry relevant experience of journalism, public relations and media. You’ll develop editorial skills while working with our staff to create content that speaks with our voice, and you’ll have the freedom to find the most effective ways to display this content on platforms that reach out to over 1000 people in the local area and further afield.  You’ll gain an in depth knowledge of our organisation, and the work you’ll do will help us build the support we need which is essential in the success of our work. |
| The skills you need | Excellent written communication skills, for both publishing and working with our staff.  An eye for creative and engaging content.  Ideally an existing knowledge of and interest in conservation and the environment.  Drive to work independently and to manage your own time. |
| Commitment | Initial visits with our team to get to know each other and provide training.  A minimum of 5 hours per week working on our social media content. |