

Volunteer Park Ranger



Volunteer Park Ranger Role: To work with fellow Volunteer Park Ranger to help manage and maintain diverse habitats for nature conservation across St Nicks Local Nature Reserve, and contribute towards the upkeep and access of the site. You will gain experience across urban grassland, woodland, becks and riparian habitats, as well as supporting the maintenance of the reserve. The role also involves leading on ecological projects including weekly wildlife recording, and species specific surveys. There may also be opportunities to get involved with other green spaces such as Rawcliffe Meadows, Heworth Holme wetland meadow and Millennium Fields, which are part of St Nicks' [Green Corridors York](#) project.

Responsibilities of a Volunteer Park Ranger include:

- Leading and supervising diverse groups of volunteers in carrying out practical conservation work, and maintenance tasks.
- Planning tasks for both regular and one-off volunteer groups.
- Supporting volunteers through training and education.
- Carry out ecological surveying and monitoring of St Nicks LNR, and support weekly data collection.
- Reviewing risk assessments and working with volunteers to carry out tasks and use tools safely.
- Carrying out regular site checks to record issues i.e. invasive species, littering, graffiti, access issues etc.
- Helping with regular monitoring of species and habitats.
- Assisting in the development of management plans and work plans.
- To engage with users of the nature reserve and other local green spaces and help users build a connection to St Nicks.

Length of Commitment: 6 months

Work days: 2 days per week —Tuesdays & Wednesdays (with opportunity for additional days)

Skills and abilities needed for this role:

- Enthusiasm for wildlife, conservation and the outdoors.
- Some experience of leading groups would be beneficial but not essential.
- Some experience of practical conservation tasks would be beneficial but not essential.
- Friendly and approachable nature with the ability to get along with people from all backgrounds.
- Reliable and committed to the role.
- Able to use initiative.

Benefits of the role:

- Opportunity to gain experience managing a range of diverse habitats including wildflower meadow, riparian habitat and woodlands.
- Regular supervision and on-going support to help with personal development throughout the role and achieve personal goals.
- A chance to learn new skills and gain practical experience as a park ranger.
- Opportunity to improve skills through training
- Experience working in a position with important responsibilities e.g. leading teams, training others, adhering to health and safety requirements etc.
- References and help with job applications upon satisfactory completion of the role.

Line manager:

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