



Volunteer Role: Great Fen Summer Volunteer

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Role Purpose	Through weekly volunteering, 4 days a week from May to September incl., you will gain knowledge and experience in conservation activities through spring and summer in the Great Fen, one of the most important habitat restoration projects in Europe, diverse in wildlife and wildlife habitats. You will be involved for half of your time in restoration management.
Specific Tasks	<p>Assist with planning and undertaking survey and monitoring including spring and summer bird transects, bird ringing (early mornings), aquatic and terrestrial plants surveys, aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates, amphibians (evenings) water voles, small mammals, bat surveys (nights) and use of remote detection equipment, water quality sampling, ground water monitoring, fixed-point photomonitoring, trail camera surveillance, drone photography.</p> <p>Assist with data handling, manipulation and analysis, incl. bat sonogram analysis.</p> <p>Participate in practical habitat management tasks including post and rail fencing, stock fencing, boundary clearance, mowing and raking. Also, step, stile, gate, hide & bridge building. Signage and way-marking.</p> <p>Assist staff with preparation for the Friday volunteer team e.g. completing risk assessments, tools maintenance and site preparation work.</p>
Skills and Qualities Needed	<p>Volunteers will come from a wide range of backgrounds and will have many different qualities and skills. Essential skills and qualities for this role are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a current UK driving licence. • Understands and responds to Health and Safety needs • Good team player with the ability to foster collaborative working and a positive attitude. • Good oral and written communication skills and the ability to engage a variety of audiences. • Competent user of Windows/Microsoft Office based computer software, including Word, Excel, and Outlook. • Self-motivated, flexible and willing to work hard outdoors in all weathers. • Willingness to develop practical and ecological skills. • Physically capable of using hand tools, power tools and machinery. • Treat people with respect and be tolerant of diverse backgrounds, views and approaches. <p>Desirable skills for this role are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some experience in practical management of nature reserves or

	<p>similar green spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some experience of habitat and/or species surveying. • A good general knowledge of British natural history. • Basic understanding of the principles of ecology and the practices of nature conservation. • Knowledge of ecological sampling techniques and importance of data integrity.
Commitment	Weekly volunteering, with a minimum of 4 days a week, from May to September inclusive. Limited (capped) expenses for travel available.
Support and Training	The volunteer will be given regular one to one guidance and support. During this support any relevant training that may be required will be identified and the volunteer will be offered suitable training to meet their needs.
Expectations of WTBCN Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to abide by the Wildlife Trust BCN's Policies and Procedures • Willingness to use support systems • Co-operation with administrative tasks <i>e.g. filling in expenses forms</i> • Commitment to attend on-going training
Location of volunteering	Great Fen Living Landscape project area, between Huntingdon and Peterborough (incl. Corney's Farm, off the B660 between Holme and Ramsey St Mary's, Cambridgeshire and the Countryside Centre, Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights, Cambridgeshire, PE26, 2RS)

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