

For more details of where our Reserves are, please see our website www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves-list. For further information or to enquire about booking a course, please email volunteering@ywt.org.uk or call **01904 659570**

JANUARY

Thursday 25th January: Task Day Leader

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 9.30am – 4pm

This course is for people who will be delivering practical conservation task days out on reserves. Also suitable for those who have been volunteering for a while and would like to have a go at leading tasks.

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th: Involving Volunteers

Where: The Discovery Centre, Spurn **When:** 9.30am – 4pm

Learn about the world of volunteering, what goes into involving volunteers in an organisation, YWT processes and problem solving. This course is for task day leaders and volunteers who lead other volunteers.

Tuesday 13th: Dry stone walling Course

Where: Chafer Wood, North Yorkshire **When:** 10am – 4pm

Have you ever fancied having a go at learning how to build one of Yorkshire's famous landscape features? Well now you can, so come along for the day and learn the basic skills of how to build a stone wall.

Thursday 22nd: Emergency First Aid at Work with Underwood Training

Where: Leeds **When:** 9am – 4.30pm

This 1 day course will provide you with a First Aid qualification for 3 years. Booking priority will be given to volunteers who require this training to carry out their role.

MARCH

Saturday 3rd: Event Leader Training

Where: The Discovery Centre, Spurn **When:** 10.30am – 3pm

This course is aimed at volunteers who will be helping to deliver YWT events and education sessions.

Tuesday 6th: Membership Training

Where: York **When:** 10am – 12pm

Come and learn about our wildlife supporter team and how you can weave membership asks into your volunteer role.

Wednesday 7th: Freshwater Invertebrate ID

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 10am – 12.30pm

Ever wondered what a dragonfly nymph looks like? Come along and see what lives in freshwater ponds and learn how to ID them.

Thursday 22nd: Working with Young People

Where: York **When:** 10am – 4pm

This course will look at how to engage young people and how to make sure everyone is safe and working within the law when they become involved.

Monday 26th: Conservation Master Class

Where: York **When:** 10.30am – 3pm

A conservation master class with Sir John Lawton. Session One: The Lawton Report "More, Bigger, Better and Joined" – the ecological principles underpinning the Lawton Report. Session Two: Climate Change- what does this mean for wildlife.

APRIL

Wednesday 18th: Intertidal Marine Life ID

Where: Living Seas Centre, Flamborough **When:** 10am – 3pm
Classroom tutorial and activities on the shore.

Wednesday 18th: Great Crested Newt ID and Surveying Techniques

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 5pm – 9pm

Learn about these elusive species and the techniques of pinpointing populations through surveying their habitats, with Michael Rogers, Living Landscapes Team Leader.

MAY

Tuesday 1st: Otter and water vole Surveying Techniques

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 10am – 3pm

Learn about these elusive creatures and how to spot field signs to see if they are present.

Wednesday 2nd May: Butterfly Identification

Where: Barlow Common **When:** 2pm – 4pm

A short workshop for getting to know the basics when it comes to telling your peacocks for your commas.

Tuesday 8th: Dry stone walling Course

Where: Chafer Wood, North Yorkshire **When:** 10am – 4pm

Have you ever fancied having a go at learning how to build one of Yorkshire's famous landscape features? Well now you can, so come along for the day and learn the basic skills of how to build a stone wall.

Thursday 10th: Event Leader Training

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 10.30am – 3pm

This course is aimed at volunteers who will be helping to deliver YWT events and education sessions.

Saturday 12th: Bumblebee Identification

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 10am – 4pm

Catherine Jones, bumblebee extraordinaire will guide you through the world of bees.

Thursday 24th: Habitat Creation and Restoration

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 10am – 4pm

The morning will be spent learning the theory about habitat creation and restoration and then you will head outdoors for hands on practical work.

JUNE

Thursday 7th June: Involving Volunteers

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 9.30am – 4pm

Learn about the world of volunteering, what goes into involving volunteers in an organisation, YWT processes and problem solving. This course is for task day leaders and volunteers who lead other volunteers.

Saturday 9th June: Bumblebee Identification

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 10am – 4pm

Catherine Jones, bumblebee extraordinaire will guide you through the world of bees.

JULY

Tuesday 3rd: Basic Brushcutter Operation

Where: Appleton Mill Farm/ Fen Bog **When:** 9am – 5pm

This is a course for use of brushcutters on YWT reserves and is for volunteers who are required to use a brushcutter as part of their role.

Wednesday 4th: Wildflower Identification

Where: York **When:** 10am – 3.30pm

Don't know the difference between a sepal and petal? Find out on this course by learning how to use wildflower identification keys and put the theory into practice at Askham Bog.

Saturday 7th: Task Day Leader

Where: York **When:** 9.30am – 4pm

This course is for people who will be delivering practical conservation task days out on reserves. Also suitable for those who have been volunteering for a while and would like to have a go at leading tasks.

Tuesday 17th: Basic Brushcutter Operation

Where: Appleton Mill Farm/Fen Bog **When:** 9am – 5pm

This is a course for use of brushcutters on YWT reserves and is for volunteers who are required to use a brushcutter as part of their role.

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th: Outdoor Incident Management with Underwood Training

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 9.30am – 6.30pm (both days)

This First Aid training covers outdoor scenarios you could find yourself giving first aid. This 2 day course will provide you with a First Aid qualification for 3 years. Booking priority will be given to volunteers who require this training to carry out their role.

OCTOBER

Thursday 4th: Task Day Leader

Where: Stirley Farm, Huddersfield **When:** 9.30am – 4pm

This course is for people who will be delivering practical conservation task days out on reserves. Also suitable for those who have been volunteering for a while and would like to have a go at leading tasks.

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th: Outdoor Incident Management with Underwood Training

Where: Potteric Carr **When:** 9.30am – 6.30pm (both days)

This First Aid training covers outdoor scenarios you could find yourself giving first aid. This 2 day course will provide you with a First Aid qualification for 3 years. Booking priority will be given to volunteers who require this training to carry out their role.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 20th: Event Leader Training

Where: York **When:** 10.30am – 3pm

This course is aimed at volunteers who will be helping to deliver YWT events and education sessions.