



Voluntary Trainee Role Title	Location
Spurn Reserve Voluntary Trainee	Spurn NNR East Yorkshire
Supervisor	
Andy Mason - Spurn Heritage Officer Adam Stoyle- Spurn Reserve Officer	
Reserve/Project/Team/Area	
Spurn National Nature Reserve (inc. Outer Humber)	
Background	
<p>Spurn sits at the tip of the Outer Humber Living Landscape and close to the Holderness Inshore marine protected area. Spurn’s unique landscape is a draw to many visitors and never fails to inspire others about the importance of Living Landscapes and Living Seas. YWT believes Spurn to be one of Britain’s finest nature reserves, one which enhances the wildlife value of the area, where visitors are inspired by our rich natural heritage and where wildlife makes a positive contribution to the local economy through nature tourism.</p> <p>We have recently opened our Discovery Centre, the new visitor centre serves as a gateway to Spurn with engaging interpretation and activities that all can enjoy, telling the story of Spurn’s sensitive heritage and inspiring visitors to love Spurn and the coastal environment in which it sits. Visitors can also enjoy guided trips on the Unimog to the Lighthouse and the point where they can get close to nature, take walks on the beach and join in with fun events.</p> <p>To help us deliver this fantastic programme of work we are offering the opportunity for new Voluntary Trainees to complement the existing team at Spurn. As Spurn is remote we can offer Voluntary Trainees as a residential placement with accommodation provided on site with utility bills paid.</p> <p>Previous Spurn Reserve Voluntary Trainees have gained employment within the sector and gone to work as ecology assistant’s consultants or with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Alana was a Spurn Reserve Trainee for 12 months went to work for the RSPB as an Events and Engagement Assistant said <i>“I was really impressed with Spurn and the diversity of tasks I would be getting involved in whilst completing the traineeship. Also by volunteering at Spurn it gave me the opportunity to live on site and adapt to a new environment in a beautiful location.”</i></p>	
What will you be doing?	
<p>There are a variety of tasks at Spurn NNR and this roles will provide a wide range of opportunities for you that encompass running a large visitor experience and National Nature Reserve. You’ll will be involved in a broad range of operations at Spurn NNR and the promotion of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust’s mission and vision. You’ll have exposure to a number of key areas including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with the running of education events/workshops and public engagement activities at the Discovery Centre, the lighthouse and on the reserve. • Assist with the development and delivery of conservation tasks across the reserve • Help with visitor engagement- welcoming visitors to site, promoting membership and visitor admissions • Be a friendly point of call for visitors and help with essential health and safety 	

- information relating to the site
- Assisting with catering, retail and reception facilities
- Contribute to ecological and visitor research and survey work

What's in it for you?

You will gain experience in:

- Practical hands-on experience of land management for nature conservation
- Experience of running events and workshops with the public
- Experience of catering and retail management
- Experience of working within a busy customer-facing environment
- Training and Qualifications useful in conservation management and other sectors (e.g. equipment / 4x4 vehicle / first aid / fire safety etc.)
- Experience of handling and recording cash transactions
- Practical experience of ecological and visitor survey/research

There is also the opportunity to expand your knowledge with our varied internal voluntary trainee training programme, along with a generous training budget for external training.

You can expect:

- Reasonable travel expenses
- Ongoing personal and career development training and one-to-one support from your line manager and the Volunteering Team staff
- An intensive and high quality experience that will stand out on any CV, as a team member of one of the UK's most vibrant and varied conservation organisations

Experience, knowledge and skills needed for this role

You will need:

- An enthusiastic, friendly and customer-focused attitude
- Good communication skills
- Enthusiasm and willingness to learn new things
- The ability to live and work with other trainees
- Self-motivated and happy to work in a relatively isolated place
- Good understanding of ecology / conservation / land management and how to inspire and empower people to take action for wildlife
- Computer literate in word and excel

Does the Trainee need a driver's license? No but this would be useful.

Commitment

3 days a week, flexibility with days and the role will include being part of a weekend rota with staff and other volunteers.

Duration

6 or 12 months starting in starting in October 2018

Does this role involve working with children or vulnerable adults?

Yes

Will the role involve any other sensitive tasks for which we may wish to check suitability via a criminal records check?

All Trainees will be asked for two references

Risk assessment complete? Yes

Relevant Factors: Spurn – tides; moth caterpillars; isolated site, moving vehicles, ticks.

First Aid Training? Yes

What equipment is required to fulfil this role?

Office: Yes **Desk:** Yes **Computer:** Yes

Personal Protective Equipment: Steel toe cap shoes/boots

Have you identified the necessary budget to cover the training, PPE, equipment and travel expenses of this volunteer role? Yes – training, PPE and reasonable travel expenses (£10 per day of volunteering)