

 **Involving volunteers**
Monday 20th 9.30am – 4.30pm
Venue: Potteric Carr

Learn about volunteer motivations, recruitment, volunteers and the law, tips on supervision and how to retain your volunteers, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust processes and problem solving. This course is for task day leaders and volunteers who lead other volunteers.

 **Brushcutter training**
Tuesday 21st 10am – 4pm
Venue: North Yorkshire (tbc)

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. Max attendees: 4

AUGUST

 **Event leader training**
Friday 14th 10am – 4pm
Venue: Skipton

Join us to learn about events, what makes a good event, event themes and audiences and all the essential H&S and administration considerations. This course is for volunteers who are assisting with delivering event or educational activities or would like to.

 **Bumblebee training**
Wednesday 26th 10am – 4pm
Venue: Potteric Carr

Learn about what you can do to help bumblebees. We will discuss, declines of bumblebees, habitat management, what you can do in your garden, bumblebee species and how to identify them. If the weather is good we will go outside and

have a practical ID session with bumblebees. We will also look at the Bumblebee Conservation Trusts, Bumblebee Walk scheme and how you can get involved.

SEPTEMBER

 **Outdoor incident management with Underwood Training**
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th 9.30am – 6.30pm
Venue: Potteric Carr

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 is given to volunteers who require this training to carry out their role.

 **Intertidal species identification**

Friday 18th 10am – 4pm
Venue: Living Seas Centre
There's a fascinating underwater world that is uncovered at each low tide. Book a place on this ID course and come along and find out what lurks beneath the seaweed!

OCTOBER

 **Task day leader**
Thursday 15th 9.30am – 4.30pm
Venue: Stirley

If you are new to running practical conservation task days, or need to refresh your skills this course is for you. You'll learn all the essentials of running practical tasks, including what biohazards might exist, problem solving scenarios and the paperwork and H&S elements to complete.

 **Fungi identification**
Wednesday 21st 10.30am – 2.30pm
Venue: Potteric Carr

Fantastical Fungi and its many forms will be the subject of this workshop. Come along and see what you will find at Potteric Carr nature reserve and learn how to identify them.

 **Membership awareness**
Tuesday 27th 10am – 1pm
Venue: York

Join this session and learn why Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has a membership scheme, understand what the benefits of becoming a member are, and gain the skills and confidence to encourage people to support us.

NOVEMBER

 **Involving volunteers**
Friday 6th 9.30am – 4.30pm
Venue: Living Seas Centre

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 **Get your career started**
Friday 13th 10am – 1pm
Venue: York

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Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

2020

Volunteer Training Programme



Leadership skills



ID Skills



Surveying



Learning

For further information or to enquire about booking a course, please email volunteering@ywt.org.uk or call **01904 659570**

ywt.org.uk

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JANUARY

Task day leader Monday 20th

9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

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Working with and empowering young people

Friday 31st 10am – 4pm

Venue: York

Attend this course to learn the basics of working with young people and in the second half of the day look at how to empower and support them in regard to climate change and other topical issues.

FEBRUARY

Willow tit ID and surveying

Wednesday 5th 10am – 3.30pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Willow tits are the UK's most threatened bird species and need our help. This training is for volunteers who will be assisting with our Back from the Brink Project. The course will provide background into the species, how to ID them and then the survey techniques used. Priority will be given to volunteers that are specific to the project.

Living Seas programme update

Wednesday 5th 10am – 11.30am

Venue: Living Seas Centre

An update on our Living Seas programme – the journey so far and our future aspirations. Come and hear about our Living Seas appeal and how you can get involved.

Involving volunteers

Tuesday 11th 9.30am – 4pm

Venue: Spurn

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INNS & Biosecurity Training

Wednesday 19th

10am – 12noon

Venue: Potteric Carr

Join us for an introduction into the exotic world of Invasive Non-native Species (INNS). Learn how to identify our most common invasive species and understand the impact they are having here in Yorkshire. We will also focus on how we can prevent the spread of INNS through practicing good Biosecurity measures.

MARCH

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Tuesday 3rd 10am – 12noon

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Spoon carving Tuesday 3rd 1pm – 4pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Learn some cool whittling skills with knives and axes and hopefully leave with a spoon!

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Thursday 5th & Friday 6th

9.30am – 6.30pm

Venue: Stirley

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Intertidal Species Identification

Thursday 12th 10am – 4pm

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Event leader training Saturday 14th

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APRIL

Forest school skills (not accredited)

Wednesday 1st

10.30am – 2.30pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Pick up some useful skills in forest craft like how to make a fire, make twine and cook.

Creating memorable visitor experiences

Tuesday 7th 10am – 12noon

Venue: Potteric Carr

From a simple 'hello' to keeping up the appearance of our reserves (despite being mid-task), we are all involved in creating memorable visitor experiences. Discover how you can help to create a warm welcome and learn tips on how to engage visitors in what they can see and do at our sites – as well share key messages about Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Quality visitor experiences can encourage repeat visits and gain support for our valuable work. You may even inspire someone to volunteer!

Fresh water pond invertebrates

Tuesday 14th 2pm – 4pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Identify some common freshwater inverts and learn about what they mean for water quality.

Great crested newt ID & Survey techniques

Wednesday 15th 5pm – 9pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Join us for an evening of GCN spotting, learn how to identify and survey these incredible creatures. **This event is weather dependant.**

Membership awareness

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gain the skills and confidence to encourage people to support us.

MAY

Drystone Walling Tuesday 5th & Tuesday

12th May 10am – 4pm

Venue: North Yorkshire (tbc)

Drystone walling is part of our heritage and culture as well as being a fun skill to learn. Join us for this 2 day training. The 2nd date is the 12th May and **you must be able to do both days to register for this course.**

Task day leader Saturday 9th

9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue: Leeds (tbc)

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Environmental games & activities

Wednesday 13th

10.30am – 2.30pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Have some tricks up your sleeve if you become a bit stuck with what to do with a group of young people. We will make a little booklet to keep a record of all the activities.

Watervole surveying techniques

Tuesday 19th 11am – 2.30pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Join us on the hunt for ratty, we'll be looking for signs of water vole and the different indicators of water vole presence.

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Habitat creation and restoration

Thursday 11th 10am – 4pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

The morning will be spent learning the theory of habitat creation focusing on grassland creation and woodland improvement, but touching on many habitats. You will head outdoors for hands on practical work.

JULY

Butterfly training Monday 6th 2pm – 4pm

Venue: Barlow Common,
near Selby

Join me for a leisurely walk around Barlow Common spotting & identifying the local butterflies and their habitats.

weather dependent