



Yorkshire
Wildlife Trust

Spring/ Summer 2024

Volunteer Training Programme



Lots of
FREE courses
inside!



**Leadership
skills**



ID Skills



Surveying



Learning

For further information or to enquire about booking a course,
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entirely dedicated to conserving, protecting and
enhancing Yorkshire's wildlife and wild places**

JANUARY

Intertidal surveying & ID

Friday 12th January

9.30am - 12noon

Venue: LSC Flamborough

Explore and identify the weird and wonderful plants and animals that live in Yorkshire rockpools. We will be going out on the rocky shore at South Landing in Flamborough so dress for the weather, bring sturdy shoes and meet some of our marine team!

FEBRUARY

Willow Tit ID & Surveying

Wednesday 7th February

10.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Learn how to identify the UK's most threatened resident bird species and how to survey them in the field. Indoor in the morning with presentation and field survey in the afternoon.

Managing Volunteers

Thursday 22nd February

9.30am - 4.30pm

Venue: York Office

If you work closely with or manage volunteers then join us to learn about what motivates volunteers, volunteer retention and volunteers and the law, as well as essential admin and H&S. This course is for task day leaders, volunteers who lead other volunteers and staff.

MARCH

Task Day Leader

Tuesday 5th March

9.30am - 4.30pm

Venue: York Office

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.

APRIL

Great Crested Newt ID

Thursday 18th April

5.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Join us for an evening of great crested newt spotting, learn how to identify and survey these incredible creatures. (Weather dependant)

Outdoor Incident First Aid

Thursday and Friday

25th & 26th April 2024

9.30am - 6.00pm

Venue: in Leeds

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

MAY

Connecting with Plants

Wednesday 1st May

10.30am - 2.30pm

Venue: Stirley

Join us to deepen your relationship with common and everyday plants, learning about their folk uses, medicinal properties and ecological functions.



ADAM JONES



Task Day Leader

Tuesday 14th May

9.30am - 4.30pm

Venue: Stirley

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including what biohazards might exist, problem solving scenarios and the paperwork and H&S elements to complete.



Dry Stone Walling

Thursday 9th &

Thursday 16th May

10.00am - 4.00pm

Venue: Chafer Wood

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. You must be able to do both days to register for this course.



Woodland bird identification

Tuesday 21st May

10.00am - 2.00pm

Venue: Grass Wood

Immerse yourself in bird song at Grass Wood, learn the

techniques for differentiating between bird calls and see what species you can spot hiding in the trees.



An Introduction to Empowering Communities

Thursday 23rd May

10.30am - 2.30pm

Venue: York

Discover more about the principles of community organising, how to mobilise your community to take action for nature and how to get your voice heard to make positive change. A fun, interactive session to give you the tools and techniques to make a difference in your community through #TeamWilder



Surveying Invasive Species & Biosecurity Training

Wednesday 29th May

10.00am - 4.00pm

Venue: Stirley

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.



JUNE



Wildflower ID

Friday 21st June,

10.00am – 4.00pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

The day will begin by looking at the key features and structures of flowers. Followed by an outdoor session learning how to identify different wildflowers and getting to grips with the different plant families such as the Buttercup family, Rose family and Umbellifer family. You will learn how to key out plants using The Wildflower Key by Francis Rose.



Basic Brushcutter

Tuesday 25th June

9.30am - 4.00pm

Venue: Fen Bog

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.

JULY



Learn to Scythe

Wednesday 3rd July

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Stirley

Learn how to mow grass the old fashioned way – with an (Austrian) scythe. Find out why Poldark was doing it all wrong!



Summer Tree ID

Saturday 13th July

10.00am - 1.00pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Tree species are most often identified by their leaves, however there are plenty of other features to learn! In this session we'll have a mixture of indoor and outdoor learning on how to identify tree species native to the British Isles.



Butterfly ID Training

Tuesday 16th July

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Barlow Common

Join us for a sunny walk spotting and identifying butterflies. Learn how to carry out official surveys of these delicate indicator species. (Weather dependent)



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