



Yorkshire
Wildlife Trust

Autumn/Winter 2025

Volunteer Learning & Development Programme



Lots of
FREE courses
inside!



**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**

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**Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is the only charity
entirely dedicated to conserving, protecting and
enhancing Yorkshire's wildlife and wild places**

Outdoor Incident First Aid

If you need First Aid training, please speak to your Volunteer Manager about booking this.

SEPTEMBER

Task Day Leader **Monday 8th September**

10am to 4.30pm

Venue: York

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.



Intertidal Surveying and ID

Tuesday 9th September

10.30am to 1.30pm

Venue: Filey Brigg

Join us as we 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.



OCTOBER

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Wednesday 8th October

10.30am to 1.30pm

Venue: Flamborough

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Coppicing **Monday 20th October**

10am to 1pm

Venue: Stainsacre near Whitby

Enjoy a practical day learning the traditional method of coppicing using a variety of hand tools. Coppicing is a traditional method of woodland management that involves repeatedly felling trees at the base (or stool), and allowing them to regrow allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor, encouraging the growth of various woodland flowers and plants such as bluebells, primroses and violets as well as providing a habitat for many species. Equipment is provided and the delivery of training covers a mix of both theory and practical elements.



Hedgelaying

Wednesday 29th October

Time: 11am to 3pm

Venue: Cali Heath Nature Reserve

Hedgelaying is an ancient craft that has been practised for centuries. In this session you'll be given an introduction to hedgelaying including the opportunity to get hands-on to learn about the different techniques and the skills needed to create a dense, bushy, sheltered habitat for wildlife from day one.

NOVEMBER



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Wednesday 12th

November

Time: 11am to 3pm

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Including Young People in Nature and Conservation

Thursday 13th November

11am to 2.30pm

Venue: Stirley

This training is an introduction to working with young people aged 13-25 years. This session will help you feel confident about talking to and inspiring young people in your volunteering capacity. Covering: keeping young people safe, making them feel included and valued and managing difficult behaviour.

DECEMBER



Managing Volunteers

Wednesday 3rd December

10am to 4.30pm

Venue: York

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.

JANUARY



Winter Tree Identification

Saturday 17th January

10am to 1pm

Venue: Potteric Carr

Tree species are most often identified by their leaves, but what about when there are no leaves? In this session we'll have a mixture of indoor and outdoor learning on how to identify tree species native to the British Isles throughout the winter months, as well as opportunities to learn more on tree planting best practice.

