

Practical Conservation Calendar

Autumn 2025

Useful information for Task Days

Things you need to know:

- Task days start at 10am (9am at Potteric Carr) and usually run until 4pm
- Booking is preferred for every task, please contact the leader listed for the task day to book your place.
- New volunteers will need to provide emergency contact details and relevant medical details before beginning, just in case of any incident or accident.
- We ask those coming on task days to arrive with clean footwear, this should be done before arriving on site. This is to limit the spread and damage of invasive non-native species.
- Many of our reserves are rural or remote with limited welfare facilities. Toilets and running water are only available at Potteric Carr, Spurn and Stirley Farm. Contact the leader listed if you require any information regarding welfare facilities near to your chosen task day.
- We'll provide hand washing facilities (where possible) and hand sanitiser but do bring your own supply of hand sanitiser/wipes.
- Under 18's: For young people under 16 we will require parents or guardians to come along too. Young people aged 16 or 17 can volunteer without the need for an accompanying adult but we would need a parental consent form completed before you start volunteering.

What you should bring

- A packed lunch and plenty to drink.
- Hard-wearing shoes, boots or wellies.
- Old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- Waterproofs, sunscreen and insect repellent when necessary, you never know what the weather will do!
- Tools and gloves will be provided.

Please visit www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves for directions to sites.

Corporate Volunteers

Corporate businesses wishing to arrange use of their corporate volunteering allowance should contact our Corporate Partnerships Officer for support:

fundraising@ywt.org.uk

 **01904 659570 (Option 2)**  **volunteering@ywt.org.uk**

NORTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

ASHES PASTURE

Nearest town: Ingleton

Scrub clearance

Saturday 4th October

Dry stone walling

Wednesday 8th October

Contact: Graham Standing
07795 644123
graham.standing@ywt.org.uk

ASP HOUSE

Nearest town: Whitby

Coppicing

Tuesday 21st October
Wednesday 22nd October
Monday 10th November
Tuesday 11th November
Wednesday 12th November

Contact: Christopher Watt
07774 586922
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk

BIRCH WOOD

Nearest town: Helmsley

Holly removal/coppicing

Thursday 11th December

Contact: James Marshall
07768 267402
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

BURTON RIGGS

Nearest town: Scarborough

Footpath repairs

Thursday 2nd October
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 4th December

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

CHAFER WOOD

Nearest town: Pickering

Tree planting preparation

Wednesday 22nd October
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 12th November

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

ELLERBURN BANK

Nearest town: Thornton-le-Dale

Fencing/scrub clearance

Wednesday 8th October

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
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FEN BOG

Nearest town: Pickering

Scrub removal

Wednesday 19th November

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
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FILEY DAMS

Nearest town: Filey

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 1st October
Wednesday 5th November
Wednesday 3rd December

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
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GARBUTT WOOD

Nearest town: Helmsley

Footpath repairs

Wednesday 5th November

Contact: Peter Christopherson
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GRASS WOOD

Nearest town: Grassington

Ash felling/clearance

Wednesday 1st October
Tuesday 14th October
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 12th November
Wednesday 3rd December

Woodland management
Saturday 15th November

Path clearance

Saturday 6th December

Coppicing

Wednesday 17th December

Contact: Graham Standing
07795 644123
graham.standing@ywt.org.uk

GREYSTONES FARM

Nearest town: Whitby

Hedgelaying

Monday 24th November
Tuesday 25th November
Monday 1st December

Clearing scrub at Austwick Moss



Contact: Christopher Watt
07774 586922
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk

LOW CARR FARM

Nearest town: Pickering

Fencing

Thursday 16th October

Hedgelaying

Wednesday 26th November

Christmas get-together

Wednesday 17th December

Contact: James Marshall
07768 267402
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

NESTLING FARM

Nearest town: Whitby

Scrub removal

Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October
Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 4th November
Wednesday 5th November

Contact: Christopher Watt
07774 586922
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk

SALT LAKE QUARRY

Nearest town: Ingleton

Scrub clearance

Wednesday 26th November

Contact: Graham Standing
07795 644123
graham.standing@ywt.org.uk

SEMERWATER

Nearest town: Hawes

Hedgelaying

Tuesday 21st October
Wednesday 19th November
Thursday 11th December

Contact: Graham Standing
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SOUTHERSCALES

Nearest town: Ingleton

Fencing/walling

Wednesday 5th November

Contact: Graham Standing
07795 644123
graham.standing@ywt.org.uk

UPPER AIRE

Nearest town: Skipton

Habitat management

Tuesday October 14th
Tuesday November 11th
Tuesday December 9th

Contact: Suzie Knight
07879 645030
suzie.knight@ywt.org.uk

Beach clean volunteers



EAST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

ALLERTHORPE COMMON

Nearest town: Pocklington

Contact: Nicholas Mitchell
07917 918131
nicholas.mitchell@ywt.org.uk

Scrub reduction

Wednesday 19th November

SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Habitat management

Wednesday 1st October
Wednesday 8th October
Wednesday 15th October
Wednesday 22nd October
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 5th November
Wednesday 12th November
Wednesday 19th November
Wednesday 26th November
Wednesday 3rd December
Wednesday 10th December
Wednesday 17th December

ASKHAM BOG

Nearest town: York

Scrub reduction

Wednesday 8th October
Wednesday 3rd December

Coppicing

Wednesday 5th November

Christmas get-together

Wednesday 17th December

Contact: Carl Lewis

07870 989313
carl.lewis@ywt.org.uk

Contact: Dave Powell

07977 287012
david.powell@ywt.org.uk

BARLOW COMMON

Nearest town: Selby

Reserve management

Tuesday 7th October
Tuesday 21st October
Tuesday 4th November
Tuesday 18th November
Tuesday 2nd December
Tuesday 16th December

STRENSALL COMMON

Nearest town: York

Scrub reduction

Wednesday 22nd October

Contact: Dave Powell

07977 287012
david.powell@ywt.org.uk

WHELDRAKE INGS

Nearest town: York

Reserve management

Wednesday 1st October
Wednesday 15th October
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 12th November
Wednesday 10th December

Contact: Nicholas Mitchell

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nicholas.mitchell@ywt.org.uk

Contact: Dave Powell

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BARMBY-ON-THE-MARSH

Nearest town: Howden

Reserve management

Wednesday 26th November

COASTAL RESERVES

To book a place on any of the beach clean days please visit: www.ywt.org.uk/beach-cleans

BRIDLINGTON NORTH

Nearest town: Bridlington

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 4th October
Saturday 8th November
Saturday 6th December

CAYTON BAY

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 4th October

FRAISTHORPE

Nearest town: Bridlington

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 26th October

SCARBOROUGH NORTH

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 4th October
Saturday 8th November
Saturday 6th December

SCARBOROUGH SOUTH

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 26th October
Sunday 23rd November

SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 26th October

WILDER HUMBER PROJECT

SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Oyster restoration site monitoring

Wednesday 5th November
Friday 7th November
Wednesday 19th November
Thursday 20th November
Friday 21st November
Friday 5th December

For more information and to book a place on a Wilder Humber Task Day please visit <http://bit.ly/3JIAS0f>



Inspecting oysters at Spurn

Hedgelaying





SOUTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BROCKDALE

Nearest town: Pontefract

Habitat management

Wednesday 1st October
Wednesday 15th October
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 12th November
Wednesday 26th November
Wednesday 10th December

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

CARLTON MARSH

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Friday 21st November
Friday 5th December

Contact: Sophie Pinder
07896 674808
sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

CARR LODGE

Nearest town: Doncaster

Scrub clearance

Thursday 18th December

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

DENABY INGS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 2nd October

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

DOVESIDE

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Friday 3rd October
Friday 17th October
Saturday 25th October
Saturday 29th November
Friday 19th December
Saturday 20th December

Contact: Sophie Pinder
07896 674808
sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

FEN CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 30th October

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

HUMBERHEAD LEVELS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Habitat management

Wednesday 1st October
Wednesday 8th October
Wednesday 15th October
Wednesday 22nd October
Wednesday 29th October
Wednesday 5th November
Wednesday 12th November
Wednesday 19th November
Wednesday 26th November
Wednesday 3rd December
Wednesday 10th December
Wednesday 17th December

Contact: Helen Norford
07885 799712
helen.norford@ywt.org.uk

Brockdale crags in winter



MALTBY LOW COMMON

Nearest town: Rotherham

Vegetation clearance

Thursday 11th December

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

MANOR FARM

Nearest town: Doncaster

Hedgelaying

Thursday 23rd October
Thursday 4th December

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

OWSTON MEADOWS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 9th October

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

PARSON'S CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 13th November

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

POTTERIC CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 16th October
Thursday 6th November

Scrub clearance

Thursday 27th November

Contact: Katie Baker
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Reserve management

Sunday 5th October
Tuesday 7th October
Sunday 12th October
Tuesday 14th October
Sunday 19th October
Tuesday 21st October
Tuesday 28th October

Reed bed management

Sunday 2nd November
Tuesday 4th November
Sunday 9th November
Tuesday 11th November
Sunday 16th November
Tuesday 18th November
Tuesday 25th November
Sunday 30th November

Tree/scrub felling

Tuesday 2nd December
Sunday 7th December
Sunday 14th December
Tuesday 16th December
Tuesday 23rd December

Christmas get-together

Tuesday 9th December

Contact: Mark Roberts
07896 674745
mark.roberts@ywt.org.uk

THORPE MARSH

Nearest town: Doncaster

Island clearance

Thursday 20th November

Contact: Katie Baker
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

Reserve maintenance

Tuesday 14th October
Tuesday 21st October
Tuesday 28th October
Tuesday 4th November
Tuesday 11th November
Tuesday 18th November
Tuesday 25th November
Tuesday 2nd December
Tuesday 9th December
Tuesday 16th December
Tuesday 30th December

Contact: Mick Townsend
07443 051723
mickayt@tiscali.co.uk

WOGDEN FOOT

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Friday 7th November

Contact: Sophie Pinder
07896 674808
sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

Volunteer at Hetchell Wood



Amazing grazer at Stirley



WEST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

ADEL DAM

Nearest town: Leeds

Reed bed management

Tuesday 2nd December

Contact: Peter Gurney
07741 662663
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

BROADHEAD CLOUGH

Nearest town: Mytholmroyd

Woodland management

Friday 3rd October
Friday 7th November
Friday 5th December

Contact: Connor Byers
07824 542314
connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

HETCHELL WOOD

Nearest town: Leeds

Scrub management

Tuesday 21st October
Tuesday 18th November
Tuesday 16th December

Contact: Peter Gurney
07741 662663
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

HOLLINHURST WOOD

Nearest town: Kippax

Grassland management

Tuesday 28th October

Contact: Connor Byers
07824 542314
connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

Meadow management

Friday 28th November

Contact: Peter Gurney
07741 662663
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

LEDHAM BANK/ MAD BANKS

Nearest town: Leeds

Scrub management

Friday 10th October
Tuesday 11th November
Tuesday 25th November
Friday 12th December

Contact: Connor Byers
07824 542314
connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

LEDSTON LUCK

Nearest town: Leeds

Scrub management

Friday 3rd October
Friday 31st October

Contact: Peter Gurney
07741 662663
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

LOW WOOD

Nearest town: Keighley

Woodland conservation

Thursday 9th October
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 11th December

Contact: John Preshaw
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OWL WOOD

Nearest town: Allerton Bywater

Tree planting

Tuesday 4th November

Contact: Connor Byers
07824 542314
connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

Tree planting

Friday 7th November

Contact: Peter Gurney
07741 662663
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ROTHWELL COUNTRY PARK

Nearest town: Rothwell

Grassland management

Friday 24th October

Contact: Peter Gurney
07741 662663
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

Meadow management

Friday 19th December

Contact: Mary Painter
07795 644125
mary.painter@ywt.org.uk

SHERBURN WILLOWS

Nearest town:
Sherburn-in-Elmet

Reed bed management

Tuesday 7th October

Scrub management

Friday 21st November
Tuesday 2nd December

Contact: Mary Painter
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mary.painter@ywt.org.uk

STIRLEY

Nearest town: Huddersfield

Dry stone walling

Friday 10th October
Friday 24th October
Friday 7th November
Friday 21st November
Friday 5th December
Friday 19th December

Reserve management

Thursday 2nd October
Tuesday 7th October
Thursday 9th October
Tuesday 14th October
Thursday 16th October
Tuesday 21st October
Thursday 23rd October
Tuesday 28th October
Thursday 30th October
Tuesday 4th November
Thursday 6th November
Tuesday 11th November
Thursday 13th November
Tuesday 18th November
Thursday 20th November
Tuesday 25th November
Thursday 27th November
Tuesday 2nd December
Thursday 4th December

Tuesday 9th December
Thursday 11th December
Tuesday 16th December
Thursday 18th December

Contact: Mary Painter
07795 644125
mary.painter@ywt.org.uk

Allotment gardening

Tuesday 7th October
Tuesday 14th October
Tuesday 21st October
Tuesday 28th October
Tuesday 4th November
Tuesday 11th November
Tuesday 18th November
Tuesday 25th November
Tuesday 2nd December
Tuesday 9th December
Tuesday 16th December

Contact: Andy Dalton
07721 971083
andy.dalton@ywt.org.uk

STOCKSMOOR COMMON

Nearest town: Wakefield

Scrub control

Thursday 16th October
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 18th December

Contact: Connor Byers
07824 542314
connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

STONEYCLIFFE WOOD

Nearest town: Wakefield

Woodland management

Thursday 2nd October
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 4th December

Contact: Connor Byers
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TOWNCLOSE HILLS

Nearest town: Kippax

Grassland management

Tuesday 14th October

Contact: Mary Painter
07795 644125
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Meadow management

Friday 5th December

Contact: Peter Gurney
07741 662663
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

WATER HAIGH WOODLAND PARK

Nearest town: Rothwell

Meadow management

Friday 14th November

Contact: Peter Gurney
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Meadow management

Tuesday 16th December

Grassland management

Friday 17th October

Contact: Connor Byers
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ywt.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer

Fieldfare



RICHARD STEEL/2020/ISON

Tree planting on Ingleborough



SARA SPILLET