

Practical Conservation Calendar

Winter 2026

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

ASHBERRY

Nearest town: Helmsley

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 28th January
Wednesday 4th March

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

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 4th February

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

ASHES PASTURE

Nearest town: Ingleton

Tree aftercare

Wednesday 7th January

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

BIRCH WOOD

Nearest town: Helmsley

Veteran tree support

Wednesday 25th February

Contact: James Marshall
07768 267402
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BRAE PASTURE

Nearest town: Horton-in Ribblesdale

Drystone walling

Tuesday 24th March

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

BURTON RIGGS

Nearest town: Scarborough

Reserve maintenance

Thursday 8th January
Thursday 5th February
Thursday 5th March

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
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CHAFER WOOD

Nearest town: Pickering

Scrub clearance

Wednesday 21st January

Tree planting

Wednesday 11th February
Thursday 12th February
Saturday 14th February
Wednesday 18th February

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

ELLERBURN BANK

Nearest town: Thornton-le-Dale

Scrub clearance

Wednesday 25th March

Contact: Peter Christopherson
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FILEY DAMS

Nearest town: Filey

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 7th January
Wednesday 4th March

Contact: Peter Christopherson
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Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 4th February

Contact: James Marshall
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GARBUTT WOOD

Nearest town: Helmsley

Footpath repairs

Wednesday 14th January

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

GRASS WOOD

Nearest town: Grassington

Ash felling

Wednesday 14th January
Wednesday 4th February
Wednesday 18th February
Wednesday 11th March

Coppicing
Saturday 24th January
Saturday 28th February

Fencing

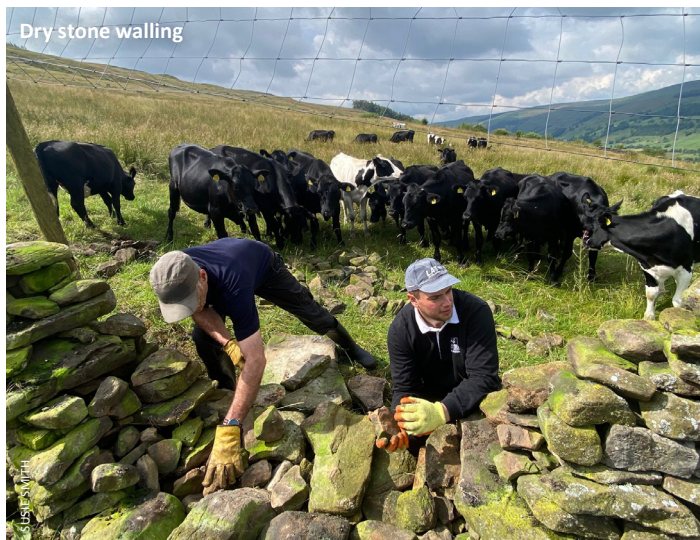
Saturday 21st March

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Harrogate supporter group



Dry stone walling



LOW CARR FARM

Nearest town: Pickering

Reserve maintenance

Thursday 29th January
Thursday 26th February

Lambing preparation

Thursday 26th March

Contact: James Marshall
07768 267402
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ROBINSON'S FIELD

Nearest town: Pickering

Scrub/ tree removal

Wednesday 18th March

Contact: James Marshall
07768 267402
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SEMERWATER

Nearest town: Hawes

Hedgelaying

Wednesday 21st January
Tuesday 27th January
Wednesday 25th February
Tuesday 3rd March

Tree aftercare/ planting/fencing

Wednesday 11th February

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

SOUTHERSCALES

Nearest town: Ingleton

Fencing around pond/ sink holes

Wednesday 18th March

Contact: Graham Standing
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Staveley task day





SOUTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BARNSELEY RESERVES (ROVING)

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Friday 16th January
Saturday 31st January
Friday 6th February
Friday 20th February
Saturday 28th February
Friday 6th March
Friday 20th March
Saturday 28th March

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

BROCKDALE

Nearest town: Pontefract

Scrub clearance

Thursday 8th January

Reserve Management

Wednesday 7th January
Wednesday 21st January
Wednesday 4th February
Wednesday 18th February
Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 18th March

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

DENABY INGS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Scrub clearance

Thursday 29th January

Reserve management

Thursday 26th March

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

DOVESIDE

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Thursday 12th March

Contact: Katie Baker
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FEN CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 5th February
Thursday 12th February

Contact: Katie Baker
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HUMBERHEAD LEVELS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 7th January
Wednesday 14th January
Wednesday 21st January
Wednesday 28th January
Wednesday 4th February
Wednesday 11th February
Wednesday 18th February
Wednesday 25th February
Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 11th March
Wednesday 18th March
Wednesday 25th March

Contact: Helen Norford
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MANOR FARM

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 15th January

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

Barn owl



OWSTON MEADOWS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 19th February

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

PARSON'S CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Scrub clearance

Thursday 26th February

Contact: Katie Baker
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POTTERIC CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Tree and scrub management

Tuesday 6th January
Sunday 11th January
Tuesday 13th January
Tuesday 20th January
Sunday 25th January
Tuesday 27th January
Tuesday 3rd February
Sunday 8th February
Tuesday 10th February
Tuesday 17th February
Sunday 22nd February
Tuesday 24th February

Reserve management

Tuesday 3rd March
Sunday 8th March
Tuesday 10th March
Tuesday 17th March
Sunday 22nd March
Tuesday 24th March
Tuesday 31st March

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

Reserve management

Thursday 22nd January
Thursday 5th March
Thursday 19th March

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

SPROTBROUGH FLASH

Nearest town: Doncaster

Coppicing

Tuesday 20th January
Tuesday 3rd February
Tuesday 3rd March
Tuesday 17th March

Contact: Jim Horsfall
07867 353756
jim.horsfall@ywt.org.uk

Beach clean volunteers



COASTAL RESERVES

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

BRIDLINGTON NORTH BEACH

Nearest town: Bridlington

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 3rd January
Sunday 8th February
Saturday 7th March

FLAMBOROUGH, SOUTH LANDING

Nearest town: Bridlington

Waves of Waste beach clean

Thursday 5th March

FILEY SOUTH BEACH

Nearest town: Filey

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 22nd March

SCARBOROUGH SOUTH BEACH

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 22nd March
Saturday 3rd January
Sunday 1st February
Saturday 21st March

EAST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

ALLERTHORPE COMMON

Nearest town: Pocklington

Scrub reduction

Wednesday 11th February

Contact: Dave Powell
07977 287012
david.powell@ywt.org.uk

ASKHAM BOG

Nearest town: York

Willow Tit habitat works

Wednesday 7th January
Wednesday 14th January

Scrub reduction

Wednesday 28th January
Wednesday 25th February

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 18th March
Wednesday 25th March

Contact: Dave Powell
07977 287012
david.powell@ywt.org.uk

JEFFRY BOG

Nearest town: Malton

Scrub Reduction

Wednesday 4th March

Contact: Dave Powell
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SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Reserve management

Wednesday 7th January
Wednesday 14th January
Wednesday 21st January
Wednesday 28th January
Wednesday 4th February
Wednesday 11th February
Wednesday 18th February
Wednesday 25th February
Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 11th March
Wednesday 18th March
Wednesday 25th March

Contact: Carl Lewis
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carl.lewis@ywt.org.uk

STRENSALL COMMON

Nearest town: Strensall

Scrub reduction

Wednesday 21st January
Wednesday 4th February

Contact: Dave Powell
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ywt.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer

WEST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BROADHEAD CLOUGH

Nearest town: Mytholmroyd

Grassland management

Friday 9th January
Friday 6th February

Reserve management

Friday 6th March

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

LOWER AIRE VALLEY (ROVING)

Nearest town: Kippax/Rothwell

Reserve management

Friday 9th January
Tuesday 13th January

Friday 16th January
Tuesday 20th January
Friday 23rd January
Tuesday 27th January
Friday 30th January
Tuesday 3rd February
Tuesday 10th February
Friday 13th February
Tuesday 17th February
Friday 20th February
Tuesday 24th February
Friday 27th February
Tuesday 3rd March
Tuesday 10th March
Friday 13th March
Tuesday 17th March
Friday 20th March
Tuesday 24th March
Friday 27th March
Tuesday 31st March

Contact: Connor Byers
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LOW WOOD

Nearest town: Keighley

Woodland conservation

Thursday 8th January
Thursday 12th February
Thursday 12th March

Contact: John Preshaw
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STOCKSMOOR COMMON

Nearest town: Wakefield

Grassland management

Thursday 22nd January
Thursday 19th February
Thursday 19th March

Contact: Connor Byers
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STONEYCLIFFE WOOD

Nearest town: Wakefield

Woodland management

Thursday 8th January
Thursday 5th February
Thursday 5th March

Contact: Connor Byers
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WILLOW GARTH

Nearest town: Knottingley

Reedbed management

Wednesday 14th January

Contact: Peter Gurney
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