



Practical Conservation Calendar

Spring 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

BURTON RIGGS

Nearest town: Scarborough

Reserve maintenance

Thursday 2nd April
Thursday 7th May
Thursday 4th June

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

CHAFFER WOOD

Nearest town: Pickering

Reserve management

Wednesday 8th April

Bio blitz - 80 for 80

Wednesday 20th May

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

ELLERBURN BANK

Nearest town: Thornton-le-Dale

Bracken control

Wednesday 17th June

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
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FEN BOG

Nearest town: Pickering

Bracken control

Wednesday 24th June

Contact: Peter Christopherson
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FILEY DAMS

Nearest town: Filey

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 6th May
Wednesday 3rd June

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

GRASS WOOD

Nearest town: Grassington

Woodland management/ path clearance

Saturday 25th April

Fencing

Saturday 23rd May

Contact: Graham Standring
07795 644123
graham.standring@ywt.org.uk

LEYBURN OLD GLEBE

Nearest town: Leyburn

Walling/ balsam removal/ strimming

Wednesday 10th June

Contact: Graham Standring
07795 644123
graham.standring@ywt.org.uk

LITTLE BECK WOODS

Nearest town: Whitby

Footpath work

Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 22nd April

Contact: James Marshall
07827 894785
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

LOW CARR

Nearest town: Pickering

Lambing prep/ fencing

Wednesday 8th April

Contact: James Marshall
07827 894785
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

LOW CARR FARM

Nearest town: Pickering

Maintenance and lambing

Wednesday 29th April

Reserve management

Wednesday 27th May

Contact: James Marshall
07827 894785
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

Dry stone walling



NEWBIGGIN PASTURE

Nearest town: Aysgarth

Drystone walling

Wednesday 22nd April

Contact: Graham Standring
07795 644123
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SALT LAKE QUARRY/ BRAE PASTURE

Nearest town: Ingleton

Guided walk/ Social day

Saturday 13th June

Contact: Graham Standring
07795 644123
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SEMERWATER

Nearest town: Hawes

Fencing repairs/ Drystone walling

Wednesday 8th April

Drystone walling

Tuesday 12th May

Drystone walling/tree aftercare

Wednesday 24th June

Contact: Graham Standring
07795 644123
graham.standring@ywt.org.uk

SITES NEAR AIRTON

Nearest town: Airton

Woodland work

Tuesday 14th April
Tuesday 12th May
Tuesday 9th June

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

SOUTHERSCALES

Nearest town: Ingleton

Fencing/drystone walling

Wednesday 6th May
Wednesday 3rd June

Contact: Graham Standring
07795 644123
graham.standring@ywt.org.uk

WEYBECKS PASTURE

Nearest town: Kilnsey

Drystone walling

Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 27th May
Vegetation management/
walling
Wednesday 17th June

Contact: Graham Standring
07795 644123
graham.standring@ywt.org.uk



Grass Wood coppicing



Harrogate supporter group

EAST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BARLOW COMMON

Nearest town: Selby

Reserve management

Tuesday 7th April
Tuesday 21st April
Tuesday 5th May
Tuesday 19th May
Tuesday 2nd June
Tuesday 16th June

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

CALI HEATH

Nearest town: Pocklington

Reserve Infrastructure

Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 6th May

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

JEFFRY BOG

Nearest town: Malton

Reserve Infrastructure

Wednesday 20th May

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

SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Reserve management

Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 8th April
Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 6th May
Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 20th May
Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 3rd June
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 17th June
Wednesday 24th June

Contact: Carl Lewis
07404 403812
carl.lewis@ywt.org.uk

STRENSALL COMMON

Nearest town: Strensall

Reserve Infrastructure

Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 8th April

Contact: Dave Powell
07977 287012
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WELDRAKE INGS

Nearest town: York

Reserve management

Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 3rd June
Wednesday 17th June
Wednesday 24th June

Contact: Dave Powell
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WILDER HUMBER

SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Seagrass transplanting

Tuesday 5th May
Wednesday 6th May
Thursday 7th May
Friday 15th May
Monday 18th May
Tuesday 19th May
Wednesday 20th May
Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May

Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June
Tuesday 2nd June
Wednesday 3rd June
Thursday 4th June
Friday 5th June
Monday 15th June
Tuesday 16th June
Wednesday 17th June
Thursday 18th June
Friday 19th June

Contact: Andrew Jayes
Wilder.Humber@ywt.org.uk

WEST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BROADHEAD CLOUGH

Nearest town: Mytholmroyd

Reserve management

Friday 1st May
Friday 29th May

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

LOWER AIRE VALLEY (ROVING)

Nearest town: Kippax/Rothwell

Reserve management

Tuesday 7th April
Friday 10th April
Tuesday 14th April
Friday 17th April
Tuesday 21st April
Friday 24th April
Tuesday 28th April
Tuesday 5th May
Friday 8th May
Tuesday 12th May
Friday 15th May
Tuesday 19th May
Friday 22nd May
Tuesday 26th May
Friday 29th May
Tuesday 2nd June
Tuesday 9th June

Friday 12th June
Tuesday 16th June
Friday 19th June
Tuesday 23rd June
Friday 26th June
Tuesday 30th June

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

LOW WOOD

Nearest town: Keighley

Woodland conservation

Thursday 9th April
Thursday 14th May
Thursday 11th June

Contact: John Preshaw
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johnpreshaw@tiscali.co.uk

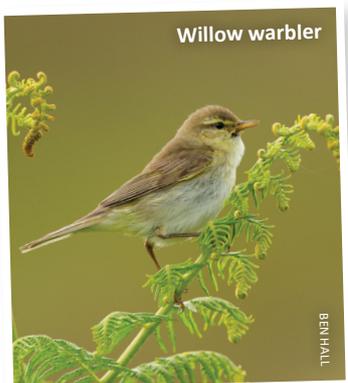
STONEYCLIFFE WOOD

Nearest town: Wakefield

Reserve management

Thursday 30th May
Thursday 28th May

Contact: Connor Byers
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Water vole at Wansford Lake



SOUTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BARNSELY RESERVES (ROVING)

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Friday 3rd April
Friday 17th April
Saturday 25th April
Friday 1st May
Friday 15th May
Saturday 30th May
Friday 5th June
Friday 19th June
Saturday 27th June

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

BROCKDALE

Nearest town: Pontefract

Reserve Management

Saturday 27th June
Thursday 11th June
Sunday 19th April
Sunday 17th May
Sunday 21st June
Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 24th June

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

CARR LODGE

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 2nd April

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

DENABY INGS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 7th May
Thursday 14th May
Thursday 4th June
Thursday 18th June

Contact: Katie Baker
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DOVESIDE

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Thursday 28th May

Contact: Katie Baker
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HUMBERHEAD LEVELS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 8th April
Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 6th May
Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 20th May
Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 3rd June
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 17th June
Wednesday 24th June

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

MANOR FARM

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 30th April

Contact: Katie Baker
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OWSTON MEADOWS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 9th April

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

POTTERIC CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Infrastructure maintenance

Tuesday 7th April
Tuesday 14th April

Path trimming

Sunday 19th April
Tuesday 21st April
Tuesday 28th April
Sunday 3rd May

Reserve management

Tuesday 5th May
Tuesday 12th May
Sunday 17th May
Tuesday 19th May
Tuesday 26th May
Tuesday 31st May
Tuesday 2nd June
Tuesday 9th June
Sunday 14th June
Tuesday 16th June
Tuesday 23rd June
Sunday 28th June
Tuesday 30th June
Thursday 16th April
Thursday 23rd April
Thursday 25th June

Contact: Mark Roberts
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ADAM JONES

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 4th April
Saturday 2nd May
Saturday 6th June

FILEY SOUTH BEACH

Nearest town: Filey

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 17th May

FRAISTHORPE BEACH

Nearest town: Fraisthorpe

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 19th April
Sunday 14th June

Reserve management

Thursday 16th April
Thursday 23rd April
Thursday 25th June

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

SPROTBROUGH FLASH

Nearest town: Doncaster

Infrastructure maintenance

Tuesday 14th April
Tuesday 28th April

Path clearance

Tuesday 9th June

Balsam pulling/paths

Tuesday 23rd June

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

SCARBOROUGH NORTH BEACH

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 4th April
Monday 11th May
Monday 8th June

SCARBOROUGH SOUTH BEACH

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 19th April
Sunday 17th May
Sunday 28th June

SOUTH LANDING BEACH

Nearest town: Flamborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Wednesday 20th May

SPURN BEACH

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 4th April
Saturday 2nd May
Saturday 6th June

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JOHN HARWOOD