

Practical Conservation Calendar

Summer 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

ASHES PASTURE/ SOUTHERSCALES

Nearest town: Ingleton

Ragwort clearance

Wednesday 22nd July

Contact: Becky Dennison
07467 990034
becky.dennison@ywt.org.uk

ASHES PASTURE

Nearest town: Ingleton

Dry stone walling

Wednesday 15th July

Contact: Becky Dennison
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ASHES SHAW

Nearest town: Ingleton

Dry stone walling

Tuesday 7th July
Wednesday 30th September

Contact: Becky Dennison
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BRAE PASTURE

Nearest town: Horton-in-Ribblesdale

Dry stone walling

Wednesday 26th August

Contact: Becky Dennison
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BURTON RIGGS

Nearest town: Scarborough

Reserve maintenance

Thursday 2nd July
Thursday 3rd September

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

CHAFER WOOD

Nearest town: Pickering

Mowing and raking

Wednesday 12th August
Wednesday 16th September

Preparation for tree planting

Wednesday 30th September

Contact: Peter Christopherson
07787 535812
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DENTON MOOR

Nearest town: Skipton

Dipwell Monitoring – Yorkshire Peat Partnership

Monday 19th October

Contact: Lucy Cardy
info@yppartnership.org.uk

ELLERBURN BANK

Nearest town: Thornton-le-Dale

Mowing and raking

Wednesday 26th August

Contact: Peter Christopherson
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FEN BOG

Nearest town: Pickering

Bracken control

Wednesday 1st July

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

Bracken control

Wednesday 15th July

Contact: Kate Yates
07825 668614
kates.yates@ywt.org.uk

Bracken control

Wednesday 22nd July
Wednesday 29th July

Footpath repairs

Wednesday 23rd September

Contact: Peter Christopherson
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FERN FARM

Nearest town: Whitby

Hedgerow maintenance

Thursday 13th August
Tuesday 18th August
Wednesday 19th August

Contact: Adam Odell
07721 961104
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FILEY DAMS

Nearest town: Filey

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 2nd September

Contact: Peter Christopherson
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Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 5th August

Contact: Kate Yates
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GARBUTT WOOD

Nearest town: Thirsk

Bracken control

Thursday 2nd July

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 2nd September

Contact: James Marshall
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GRASS WOOD

Nearest town: Grassington

Bracken clearance/cut back paths/fencing

Saturday 4th July

Fencing/path surfacing and clearance

Wednesday 5th August

Strimming/raking

Tuesday 8th September
Saturday 26th September

Path clearance/ strimming/raking

Saturday 22nd August

Contact: Becky Dennison
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Goldfinches over Ashes Pasture



NORTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

KINGSDALE HEAD

Nearest town: Skipton

Dipwell Monitoring - Yorkshire Peat Partnership

Monday 28th September

Contact: Lucy Cardy
info@yppartnership.org.uk

LOW CARR FARM

Nearest town: Pickering

Reserve maintenance

Thursday 6th August
Thursday 10th September

Contact: James Marshall
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SEATA QUARRY

Nearest town: Aysgarth

Strimming/raking

Wednesday 16th September

Contact: Becky Dennison
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SEMERWATER

Nearest town: Hawes

Dry stone walling/ cutting back hedge

Wednesday 2nd September

Contact: Becky Dennison
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SOUTH HOUSE PAVEMENT

Nearest town: Horton-in-Ribblesdale

Bracken/rosebay willowherb clearance

Wednesday 12th August

Contact: Becky Dennison
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SOUTHERSCALES

Nearest town: Ingleton

Dry stone walling and ragwort clearance

Wednesday 29th July

Contact: Becky Dennison
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WEYBECK'S PASTURE

Nearest town: Kilnsey

Dry stone walling
Wednesday 19th August
Wednesday 23rd September

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EAST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

ASKHAM BOG

Nearest town: York

Balsam pulling

Wednesday 8th July

Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 15th July
Wednesday 22nd July

Meadow management

Wednesday 26th August
Wednesday 23rd September

Contact: Matt Samuel
07721 951900
matthew.samuel@ywt.org.uk

BARLOW COMMON

Nearest town: Selby

Reserve maintenance

Tuesday 28th July
Tuesday 11th August
Tuesday 25th August
Tuesday 22nd September

Contact: Matt Samuel
07721 951900
matthew.samuel@ywt.org.uk

SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Reserve management

Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 8th July
Wednesday 15th July
Wednesday 22nd July
Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 5th August
Wednesday 12th August

Wednesday 19th August
Wednesday 26th August
Wednesday 2nd September
Wednesday 9th September
Wednesday 16th September
Wednesday 23rd September
Wednesday 30th September

Contact: Carl Lewis
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STRENSALL COMMON

Nearest town: Strensall

Bracken control

Wednesday 12th August

Contact: Matt Samuel
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matthew.samuel@ywt.org.uk

WELDRAKE INGS

Nearest town: York

Balsam pulling

Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 19th August

Reserve infrastructure

Wednesday 5th August

Habitat management

Wednesday 9th September
Wednesday 16th September
Wednesday 30th September

Contact: Nicholas Mitchell
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WILDER HUMBER

SPURN

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Seagrass seed collection

Monday 3rd August
Tuesday 4th August
Monday 10th August
Tuesday 11th August
Wednesday 12th August
Thursday 13th August
Monday 17th August
Monday 24th August
Tuesday 25th August
Wednesday 26th August
Thursday 27th August
Friday 28th August

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September
Tuesday 8th September
Wednesday 9th September
Thursday 10th September
Friday 11th September
Monday 14th September
Tuesday 15th September
Thursday 24th September
Friday 25th September
Monday 28th September
Tuesday 29th September
Wednesday 30th September

Contact: Andrew Jayes
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WEST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BROADHEAD CLOUGH

Nearest town: Mytholmroyd

Bracken control

Friday 26th June
Friday 24th July

Reserve management

Friday 4th September

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

LOWER AIRE VALLEY

Nearest town: Kippax/Rothwell

Reserve management

Tuesday 30th June
Friday 3rd July
Tuesday 7th July
Friday 10th July
Tuesday 14th July
Friday 17th July
Tuesday 21st July
Friday 24th July
Tuesday 28th July
Friday 31st July
Tuesday 4th August
Friday 7th August
Tuesday 11th August
Friday 14th August
Tuesday 18th August
Friday 21st August
Tuesday 25th August
Friday 28th August
Tuesday 1st September
Friday 4th September
Tuesday 8th September
Friday 11th September
Tuesday 15th September
Friday 18th September
Tuesday 22nd September
Friday 25th September
Tuesday 29th September

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STIRLEY

Nearest town: Huddersfield

Reserve management

Tuesday 7th July
Thursday 9th July
Tuesday 14th July
Thursday 16th July
Tuesday 21st July
Thursday 23rd July
Tuesday 28th July
Thursday 30th July
Tuesday 4th August
Thursday 6th August
Tuesday 11th August
Thursday 13th August
Tuesday 18th August
Thursday 20th August
Tuesday 25th August
Thursday 27th August
Tuesday 1st September
Thursday 3rd September
Tuesday 8th September
Thursday 10th September
Tuesday 15th September
Thursday 17th September
Tuesday 22nd September
Thursday 24th September
Tuesday 29th September

Dry stone walling

Friday 3rd July
Friday 17th July
Friday 31st July
Friday 14th August
Friday 28th August
Friday 11th September
Friday 25th September

Contact: Mary Painter
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Stirley Wildlife Garden Team

Tuesday 7th July
Tuesday 14th July
Tuesday 21st July

Tuesday 28th July
Tuesday 4th August
Tuesday 11th August
Tuesday 18th August
Tuesday 25th August
Tuesday 1st September
Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 15th September
Tuesday 22nd September
Tuesday 29th September

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

STOCKSMOOR COMMON

Nearest town: Wakefield

Himalayan balsam control

Thursday 16th July
Thursday 13th August

Reserve management

Thursday 17th September

Contact: Connor Byers
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STONEYCLIFFE WOOD

Nearest town: Wakefield

Himalayan balsam control

Thursday 2nd July
Thursday 30th July

Reserve management

Thursday 3rd September

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WILLOW GARTH

Nearest town: Knottingley

Himalayan balsam control

Tuesday 28th July
Tuesday 18th August

Contact: Connor Byers
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Herring gull

COASTAL RESERVES

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

BRIDLINGTON NORTH BEACH

Nearest town: Bridlington

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 4th July
Saturday 1st August
Saturday 12th September

FILEY SOUTH BEACH

Nearest town: Filey

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 12th July
Sunday 27th September

FRAISTHORPE BEACH

Nearest town: Fraisthorpe

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 16th August

SCARBOROUGH NORTH BEACH

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Monday 13th July
Tuesday 11th August
Monday 7th September

SCARBOROUGH SOUTH BEACH

Nearest town: Scarborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 26th July
Sunday 23rd August
Sunday 13th September

SOUTH LANDING BEACH

Nearest town: Flamborough

Waves of Waste beach clean

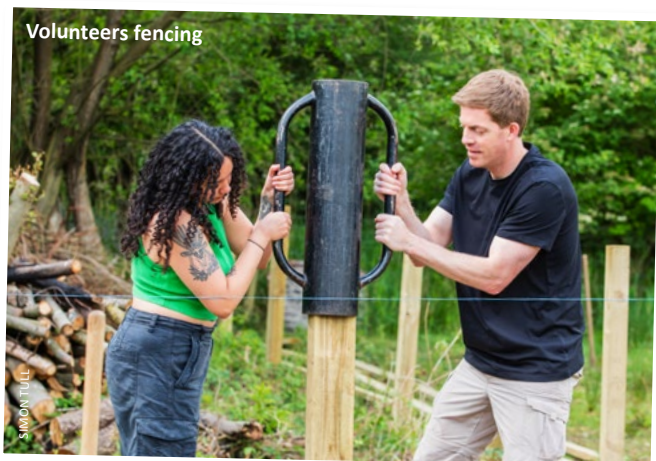
Thursday 16th July
Wednesday 9th September

SPURN BEACH

Nearest town: Kilnsea

Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 4th July
Saturday 1st August
Saturday 12th September



Volunteers fencing

SOUTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

BARNSELY RESERVES (ROVING)

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Friday 3rd July
Friday 17th July
Saturday 25th July
Friday 7th August
Friday 21st August
Saturday 29th August
Friday 4th September
Friday 18th September
Saturday 26th September

Contact: Lucy Brown
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BROCKDALE

Nearest town: Pontefract

Reserve management

Thursday 16th July

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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Reserve management

Wednesday 8th July
Sunday 19th July
Wednesday 22nd July
Wednesday 5th August
Sunday 16th August
Wednesday 19th August
Wednesday 2nd September
Wednesday 16th September
Sunday 20th September
Wednesday 30th September

Contact: Katie Baker
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DENABY INGS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Path clearance

Thursday 6th August
Thursday 3rd September

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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DOVESIDE

Nearest town: Barnsley

Reserve management

Thursday 17th September

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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FENN CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 24th September

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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HUMBERHEAD LEVELS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 8th July
Wednesday 15th July
Wednesday 22nd July
Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 5th August
Wednesday 12th August
Wednesday 19th August
Wednesday 26th August
Wednesday 2nd September
Wednesday 9th September
Wednesday 16th September
Wednesday 23rd September
Wednesday 30th September

Contact: Helen Norford
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MALTBY LOW COMMON

Nearest town: Rotherham

Reserve management

Thursday 20th August

Grassland management

Thursday 10th September

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MANOR FARM

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Thursday 30th July

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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OWSTON MEADOWS

Nearest town: Doncaster

Fence repairs

Thursday 9th July

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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PARSON'S CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Ragwort clearance

Thursday 2nd July

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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POTTERIC CARR

Nearest town: Doncaster

Reserve management

Tuesday 7th July
Sunday 12th July
Tuesday 21st July
Sunday 26th July
Tuesday 28th July
Tuesday 29th September

Island management

Tuesday 4th August
Sunday 9th August
Tuesday 11th August
Tuesday 18th August
Sunday 23rd August
Tuesday 25th August

Reedbed management

Tuesday 1st September
Sunday 6th September
Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 15th September
Sunday 20th September
Tuesday 22nd September

Contact: Mark Roberts
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Reserve management

Thursday 23rd July
Thursday 27th August

Making hay

Thursday 13th August

Contact: Sophie Pinder
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SPROTBROUGH FLASH

Nearest town: Doncaster

Grassland management

Tuesday 21st July
Tuesday 15th September
Tuesday 29th September

Wader bay management

Tuesday 18th August
Tuesday 1st September

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