

Archaeology Volunteer

Purpose of role

By volunteering with us you will work in the National Park; develop an understanding of archaeology and historic environment; develop survey and archaeological practice skills; gain knowledge of conservation practices and gain knowledge and experience to help with achieving accredited qualifications if you so desire.

Key tasks

Tasks will vary, depending on the project, site and season of the year and may include bracken clearing, strimming, land survey and monitoring, archaeological and conservation work. Appropriate training and equipment will be provided on site by our Archaeology Supervisors and the LDNPA archaeologists when required.

Suitable for

Due to the Park Authority's policy volunteers must be over 18. There is no upper age limit; however, a reasonable level of fitness is essential.

We recommend that you live in or near the National Park, though can accept those who live further away if they can prove their commitment to the required working days.

Skills and attributes

We're looking for volunteers that have:

- a passion for and a good general knowledge of the Lake District National Park;
- excellent communication and team-working skills;
- experience of walking and basic navigation (map and compass) skills;
- an interest in working in the historic environment of the Lake District;
- an interest in working outdoors;
- ability to work as part of a team;
- ability to undertake physical work for a period of time (for site-based activities a reasonable level of fitness is required);
- ability to communicate effectively with other members of the team;
- willingness to attend appropriate training and develop your skills.

Where and when

Our projects can be based in various locations across the National Park but you will only be expected to complete activities within your locale.

The working day will normally begin at 10am on site and you may need to allow travelling time beforehand (though this can be varied depending on the project). Please ensure that you arrive at the work site at least 15 minutes before this time so that we can meet everyone and outline the programme of work for the day. We recommend breaks mid-morning, lunchtime and mid-afternoon and will normally stop working at 4pm.

Transport and Expenses

Transport to the events is not provided; however, we do provide assistance in organising a car share with other volunteers.

We are ask volunteers to commit to at least 6 days across the year. In return for this commitment, you will be able to claim travel expenses and will be supplied with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and uniform.

Benefits of the role

By volunteering with us you will work in the National Park in the landscape; develop an understanding of archaeology and historic environment; develop survey and archaeological practice skills; gain knowledge of conservation practices; develop leadership skills and gain knowledge and experience.

Benefits for the Park Authority

Your involvement will extend the ability of the LDNPA archaeologists and other professionals to manage and conserve the historical environment of the Park.

What to do next

If you are interested, please fill in the Archaeology Volunteer Application Form available from archvol@lakedistrict.gov.uk.

This role is intended as a gift relationship between volunteers and the organisation. It is binding in honour and trust only and not intended to be legally binding.