

Tree Team Volunteer

Working with: Collection Manager, Operations Assistant and other volunteers

To keep our 51 ha site looking attractive and the tree collection healthy and vigorous we need dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to join our tree team

What would I do?

- Gardening work including the removal of coarse weeds
- Pruning the woody plant collection
- Monitoring and maintaining newly planted specimens

What skills and experience do I need?

- Experience in gardening, if only at a domestic level, would be helpful but is not required
- A willingness to work alongside fellow volunteers under the guidance of a team leader
- All the tools and equipment you need will be provided

Where would I work?

- You will be working outdoors anywhere across the 51 ha site, which includes hilly, rough and often boggy ground, in a variety of weathers so you will need to provide your own suitable outdoor clothing and waterproof footwear with toe protection
- The work is physical but different levels of strength and agility can be accommodated

How much time would I need to give?

- Tree teams work on Wednesday (08:30-15:30) and Friday (09:30-16:00) with a break for coffee and lunch. **At present volunteers are particularly needed to develop a regular team on Friday.**
- A regular commitment of a day per week or fortnight is very useful but we can accommodate other arrangements and finishing times.

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What training would I be given?

- Initially you will be working alongside experienced staff and volunteers who will share hints and tips with you and help you learn more about the trees and plants
- At the start of each session your team leader will outline the plans for the day and check that everyone has the necessary skills and confidence for the work involved
- Each year there is an Induction Day for volunteers, to which you'll be invited. Here you will learn about the arboretum, its history and plans for future developments, the work of other teams, and the services we offer such as events, venue hire and commemorative items. We hope this will help to make you feel part of the team at the arboretum and confident to deal with questions which may come your way during your volunteering activities. Above all, it will give you a chance to meet other like-minded volunteers

I'm interested! How do I apply?

Please contact volunteer@yorkshirearboretum.org telling us a little about yourself, why you are interested in this role and any relevant skills and experience you have. We will normally reply to you by email initially but please also include a telephone number(s) so we can contact you.

If you do not have access to email please telephone the arboretum on 01653 648598 and leave a brief message letting us know which role you're interested in, together with your telephone number, and we'll call you back.