



Greenwood Trails Volunteer Role Profile

What are we asking you to do?

The main aim of this project is to develop and promote a series of self guided trails using the rights of way network within the Rusland Horizons Scheme Area. The trails will promote a way of exploring the area sustainably, using the existing rights of way network and quiet lanes in the area. The trails will also look at providing new opportunities where there are gaps in the network.

Volunteers from the local community will be able to assist this project by getting involved with a range of tasks, such as walking suggested routes, helping develop interpretation for the trails and practical rights of way improvement works along the routes.

Key Tasks

Greenwood Trails volunteers can get involved with a range of tasks which may include any or a range of the following;

1. Walking and surveying the suggested Greenwood Trails routes, to provide feedback on the routes in terms of the suggested route on the ground and whether improvements could be made.
2. Identifying potential landscape features along the routes that need conserving, or would be worth highlighting in the accompanying interpretation leaflet.
3. Support staff or other volunteers in carrying out practical works linked to improving the rights of way network, such as installing waymarkers, installing wicket gates or other site furniture.
4. Raise awareness of the Greenwood Trails routes and assist in getting feedback on how these routes are being used by monitoring certain routes, talking to visitors using the routes and the local community.
5. Contribute to the development of Rusland Horizons volunteering to help develop and improve volunteering by participating in feedback sessions and celebration events.
6. To work positively with staff, partner organisations and volunteers to promote the work and role of Rusland Horizons.
7. Any other duties as reasonably requested.

Practicalities

- 1. Expenses:** Expenses are paid for travel costs only, incurred as a result of volunteering with us. The current rate is 29p per mile to a maximum of £10 per day.
- 2. Supervisor:** Sara Spicer, Lake District National Park Area Ranger and project manager for the Greenwood Trails project.
- 3. Time commitment:** Time commitment will vary depending on the phased development of the trails. This could be a couple of hours for attending a working group meetings that occur every 4-6 weeks, through to a day walking and surveying the routes. Time would also be spent researching interpretation or attending events to promote the routes.
- 4. Training and support:** Training in necessary practical skills will be provided by the Lake District National Park Authority staff or the Rusland Horizons Team. Continued support throughout the project will be provided by Sara Spicer or other relevant staff depending on the task involved (interpretation or practical work).

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

These will depend on the activities that you would like to be involved with.

- An interest in the cultural heritage, wildlife and landscape of the Rusland area.
- Experience of walking and basic navigation (map and compass) skills
- An interest or knowledge of developing interpretation for walking leaflets.
- Practical skills or a willingness to learn these to assist with the rights of way improvement works that will be done.
- Willingness to learn and take part in relevant training opportunities.
- Able to work effectively and safely on your own (if necessary) and within a group.
- Able to relate openly and confidently to a wide range of people and be willing to approach members of the public to offer information in a friendly manner
- A willingness to attend appropriate training and develop your skills.

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.