

Volunteer Park Ranger

Volunteer Park Ranger Role: To assist with the management and maintenance of St Nicks Local Nature Reserve.

Responsibilities of a Volunteer Park Ranger include:

- Leading and supervising diverse groups of volunteers in carrying out practical conservation work: planning tasks for both regular and one-off groups and supporting volunteers through training and education
- Reviewing risk assessments and working with volunteers to carry out tasks and use tools safely
- Carrying out regular checks around the nature reserve in case of issues such as littering and graffiti
- Helping with regular monitoring of species and habitats
- Assisting in the development of our LNR management plan and creating work plans for the site
- Leading and assisting on exciting LNR projects such as riparian habitat improvements, developing species and habitat monitoring methodologies, helping to create educational resources and better connect with the community to improve community engagement
- To engage with users of the nature reserve and help users build a connection to the site.

Length of Commitment: 6 months

Work days: 3 days per week —Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, plus occasional Saturdays

Skills and abilities needed for this role:

- Enthusiasm for wildlife, conservation and the outdoors
- Some experience of leading groups would be beneficial but not essential
- Some experience of practical conservation tasks would be beneficial but not essential
- Friendly and approachable nature with the ability to get along with people from all backgrounds
- Reliable and committed to the role
- Able to use initiative.

Benefits of the role:

- Regular supervision and on-going support to help with personal development throughout the role and achieve personal goals
- A chance to learn new skills and gain practical experience as a park ranger, which is very appealing to employers recruiting in this highly competitive sector
- Opportunity to improve skills through on site and external training with other providers as well as in house training
- Experience working in a position with important responsibilities including leading teams
- References and help with job applications upon satisfactory completion of internship.

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