



Conservation work party volunteer– RSPB Forsinard Flows Reserve

Why we want you

The Forsinard Flows Reserve is the largest RSPB reserve in the UK, and sits in the internationally important Flow Country peatlands. We are restoring and managing these peatlands for their own intrinsic value, for the wildlife that they host and also for the role that the habitat can play in helping us to tackle climate change.

We require volunteer help in the areas of habitat management and reserve maintenance. All tasks are vital for the conservation of the habitat and for retaining good access to, and around the reserve. These include removing invasive regenerating conifer trees, blocking drains out on the open hill, maintaining our visitor trails and infrastructure.

Workparties run from 9.00-17.15, although we can be flexible to fit in with arrival by train. An email will be sent out in advance, with the dates of upcoming work parties, detailing the task, any special requirements and asking for availability.

We meet at the RSPB Flows Field Centre, in Forsinard, on the A897, approximately 14 miles south of Melvich. You will receive your briefing and any equipment that you need at the field centre, before we head out as a group in the reserve vehicles to undertake that day's task. We also make sure to pack a flask and biscuits for each work party!

What is in it for you

A chance to meet new like minded people, exercise in the great outdoors and experience the peatland wildlife and habitat.

The opportunity to assist with the management of the nature reserve. This will enable you to build skills and knowledge, of both conservation and the Flow Country.

This is an excellent way to make a genuine contribution to wildlife conservation in an internationally important habitat.

The skills you need

Enthusiasm and an interest in conservation are essential, however, no prior experience is necessary. Tasks will involve walking up to 10k across the uneven ground of the bog, and undertaking strenuous manual labour, ask us for more details. You will need an up-to-date tetanus injection and to enjoy working in a team, in all weathers!

Notes

Appropriate training will be provided and expenses will be re-imbursed where necessary.

The RSPB is the UK charity working to secure a healthy environment for birds and wildlife, helping to create a better world for all of us. We belong to BirdLife International, the global partnership of bird conservation organisations.

Your time and skills could make a real difference to the work of the RSPB and to the Flows to the Future project in the Flow Country.

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