

Operations Team Volunteer

Working with: The Arboretum Operations Manager and other volunteers

We need dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Operations Team to help keep our 120 acre site looking attractive, well maintained and safe for our visitors.

At the moment we urgently need two volunteers to join our team working from 8.30am to 3.30pm on Tuesdays. Tasks will include using a large ride-on mower, clipping, strimming and brush cutting. If you have experience of using ride-on machinery we would love to hear from you.

What would I do?

- Undertake a variety of tasks including grass cutting, path clearing, wood cutting and chipping, and general maintenance work

What skills and experience do I need?

- Experience in gardening or grounds maintenance, 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
- The work is physical but different levels of strength and agility can be accommodated
- All the tools and equipment will be provided, but you will need your own waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear with steel toe caps. We may be able to help with the cost of purchasing suitable footwear if you do not have your own.
- Some roles may involve operating machinery for which full training and any necessary safety equipment will be provided

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Where would I work?

· You will be working outdoors in many different locations across the 120 acre site, which includes hilly, rough and often boggy ground, in all variety of weathers

How much time would I need to give?

· A regular commitment of a day a week or a fortnight is very useful but we may be able to accommodate other arrangements

What training would I be given?

· Initially you will be working alongside experienced staff and volunteers who will provide informal training and share hints and tips with you

· If you are asked to operate any machinery you will be given the appropriate training

· 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

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.