

## Young Ranger volunteer

### What does the role involve?

The Earth Trust land management team plays a vital role in safeguarding the health, diversity and safety of our green spaces, benefiting both wildlife and the public. As a Young Ranger volunteer you will help to assess the condition of the Trust's grasslands, evaluating factors such as grass availability and soil water absorption. Your responsibilities will include:

#### Assessing grasslands

Whilst walking through your designated grassland area you will help to assess the condition of these spaces. Armed with measuring tools, you will evaluate the amount of grass that is available for grazing and measure soil absorption capabilities.

#### Capturing key moments

Alongside your data collection, you will also snap a weekly photo of your fields from fixed point photography spots found in each space. These photos are valuable records to see how the landscape changes over the years.

All measurements and photos you collect will be submitted to Earth Trust via an easy to use online form. This role is open to anyone aged **13** or **older** and can be used to fulfil the volunteering section of the **Bronze** or **Silver** DofE award.

**Time required:** 1 hour at any time, on any day

**Frequency:** Weekly

**Tasks:** Collecting data on soil absorption and grass heights, taking fixed point photography photos

#### Locations:

- Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, **OX14 4QZ**
- North Farm, Wallingford, **OX10 8NB**

## What skills and experience do you need?

No specific skills or prior experience is required for any of our young volunteer roles. However, the following attributes may be beneficial:

- An **interest** in outdoor activities and nature
- A **friendly** and welcoming **attitude**
- A **thorough** and **detail orientated** approach to work

## What support will you receive?

All young volunteers will attend an induction session led by their volunteer coordinator. During this session volunteers will receive **training** on how to measure grass heights and soil absorption. Additionally, volunteers will be shown which grassland areas they will be volunteering on and receive a briefing on **health & safety** information relating to the role.

Our **Young Person's Coordinator** will also be in regular contact if there are any issues or if any additional support is required. A contact email and number for Earth Trust will be provided in the case of an emergency.

## About the team

Earth Trust's land management team are essential for ensuring our green spaces remain safe and diverse. Our experienced team of rangers could be doing anything from newt surveys to hedge laying, a truly varied team.

## Get in touch

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Nicola Frost.

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