



Role Title: Woodland Surveyor

Main Activity:

Plantlife, Exmoor National Park and the National Trust (with other partners) are collaborating on the Building Resilience in South West Woodlands project which is working to conserve some of the region's most vulnerable Atlantic woodland sites, and the rare lichens, mosses and liverworts that grow in them.

Volunteer Woodland Surveyors are needed now to help with baseline monitoring to assess the conditions in the woods and the state of their lichen/bryophyte (mosses and liverworts) flora. These surveys will enable us to measure the impact of our practical conservation activities later this winter. After this initial survey, there is potential to continue helping to monitor changes that take place after conservation management at regular intervals. The initial monitoring will involve things like: helping identify trees that are important for lower plants, recording presence and abundance of key indicator lichen/bryophyte species, recording presence and abundance of invasive evergreen shrubs.

Location:

- Barle Valley (Hawkridge and Tarr Steps)
- Horner Wood
- Hawkcombe Wood
- Doctor's Wood

Time Commitment:

Varies depending on need and availability. Volunteering will be for whole days, usually during the week.

Duration:

Seasonal with some work taking place in winter 2018/19 and summer 2019.



Skills/Ability needed:

No previous experience of botanical surveys is necessary however an interest in learning about woodland surveys is essential. Surveys will take place in woodland on uneven ground and occasionally at remote sites and will take full days to complete.

What you need to bring:

You will not need to provide any equipment as it will be provided. You will need to wear clothing appropriate to the weather conditions and have sturdy footwear. Detailed information on what you need to bring will be provided in advance of any survey sessions.

What's in it for you:

Full training will be given and volunteer travel expenses will be reimbursed at a rate of 19p per mile. You will learn about the Atlantic woodland habitat and the important and often rare lichens, mosses and liverworts that they are home to. You will gain an understanding of botanical surveys and will contribute to important research on the impacts of practical management at some of the region's most important woodland sites.

Further info/contact (this should be the person responsible for the training/supervision of the volunteer)-

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