

Corporate group volunteering

Each task day can accommodate groups of up to 15 people. The schedule of the day can be tailored to each group but tasks usually begin between 9.30-10am and finish around 4pm. We will break for lunch as well as breaks in the morning and afternoon. Please be aware that sometimes we will be working on sites away from facilities including toilets. Details regarding directions to the site, parking and access are sent to the group prior to the date.

Tasks

October to March

Clearing invasive scrub from threatened grass and heathland sites, clearing rhododendron from woodland sites and planting new saplings for the trees of the future.

April to September

Capturing information contained on monuments across the New Forest's churchyards.

What to bring

Practical tasks are all outside so please bring appropriate, outdoor clothing including waterproofs, warm clothes and sturdy footwear – walking boots or similar are ideal – and sunscreen, when appropriate. You can bring your own packed lunch and drinks or we can supply a New Forest Marque packed lunch for £10 per head. Please also make sure you bring plenty of water as it is mostly hot work!

What we provide

We will supply all personal protective equipment, apart from footwear, needed for the task, including gloves and eye protection, where necessary. We will also supply tools such as bowsaws, loppers, etc. needed for the conservation tasks. Training on how to use the tools safely will be provided. Risk assessments are carried out prior to the task and there will be at least one qualified first aider working with you all day.

Cost

There is a fee of £200 per day for groups taking part in the tasks to help cover the cost of planning and delivering the days. This fee will go directly to support our work, which can only continue through the support of our partners and external funding. Unlike many other National Parks, the New Forest National Park Authority is not a land-owning organisation and therefore relies on working in partnership with a wide range of land owners and managers to achieve a sustainable future for the Forest.

Contact

For further information or to book a day, please contact Richard Austin (richard.austin@newforestnpa.gov.uk). Dates are flexible so please get in touch to discuss your requirements.