



Volunteer Day at James Wood

Saturday 10th June 2023

This will be the first volunteering day at Woodland Heritage's new demonstration site in Somerset. The site is currently a mix of abandoned, unproductive open ground and unmanaged woodland. Our plan is to develop it into a demonstration of the value of productive woodland. Planting will begin in the Autumn of 2023. Before this we need to prepare the ground.

The day

We will be picking up old tree guards and tree stakes across the 86 acres of the site. You will be able to see the different woodland areas, tree species and ages, and hear our plans for the site as we go along. The tree guards and stakes are not heavy (less than a bag of sugar) and you don't need to be superstrong! The ground is gentle rolling land but unkempt so you will need to take care not to trip up.

Times and venue

We will start at 9 am. We will stop for breaks as we go and finish around 5 pm. It's not a competition but together hopefully we will have a big pile for recycling by the end of the day!

We will meet at James Wood, Water Lane, Castlake, Somerset TA4 3TT. You can leave a car or cycle in the old yard. We will have a 4x4 for accessing the site.

Location finder <https://what3words.com/lawful.brothers.maddening>

Registration

Please register online at the [Woodland Heritage events page](#). There is a maximum of 10 places for the first event. Please complete one registration form for each person who wishes to attend.

We ask you to give your mobile number so we can contact you if you get lost, the lanes are small and wiggly.

If you are a qualified first aider then please let us know.



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Facilities

There is no WC or running water or catering on site yet. Please bring what you need.

Restrictions

In the first sessions we are not able to accommodate volunteers under 18 years or with disabilities. We hope to be able to accommodate everyone as we improve our facilities. Well behaved dogs are welcome.

Food

We ask everyone to bring their own lunch and snacks. Please bring plenty to drink, especially if it is hot. A thermos is good ... a barbeque is not!

Equipment

If you have gloves, a knife and or secateurs these are useful to remove tree guards that have grown into the bark of young trees. We won't be using power tools. Volunteering with headphones is not advised as the leader may need to give instructions, and you will miss the birdsong.

Volunteers are asked to have a mobile phone with them. We ask volunteers to stay as a group, but in the event that someone becomes separated, we will need a mobile phone number to contact them.

Social media

Please bring your camera and spread the word through social media!

Clothing

It may rain, this is the UK! Please come prepared with a good waterproof coat. Dry volunteers are happy volunteers.

If it's sunny don't forget the sunscreen and a hat.

There are brambles and nettles so we recommend wearing trousers.

It is definitely lumpy bumpy ground so sturdy walking boots are best (it is not suited to sandals and you may ruin any smart trainers).

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