

Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Role	Ranger Volunteer
Purpose of the Ranger Volunteer role	The Ranger Volunteer role is there to help Broads Authority Rangers in their day-to-day activities and is perfect for individuals who are happy to split their time between land and water. Duties mainly come in the form of liaising with the public and enhancing and protecting the National Park. Likely activities will include mooring maintenance, management of countryside sites, maintenance of navigation signage, patrolling the river catchment and assisting with the distribution of Broads Authority publications.
Ranger Volunteer responsibilities	 Provide information, advice and assistance to the public, help with ensuring safe and orderly conduct on the waterways, and help with emergencies and pollution incidents when required. Liaise with Broads Authority staff, community groups and other external organisations and be ambassadors for the Broads Authority. Carry out minor maintenance works on the rivers and land including maintaining countryside structures/moorings and other structures. Help with vegetation control including mowing moorings and trimming back vegetation. Help with site inspections, reporting any maintenance, improvement works or access issues. Help the Rangers patrolling their areas in the Broads on the river system and countryside sites. Help Rangers with events and educational activities when needed. Be responsible for your own health and safety and the health and safety of others under the guidance of Rangers. Be responsible for vehicles/trailers/vessels and other equipment. Take part in training to become fully competent to carry out the role of Ranger Volunteer.
Essential skills needed as a Ranger Volunteer	 Be physically fit, willing and able to volunteer outdoors in all weathers, all year round. Have diplomacy and excellent communication skills with the ability to interact positively with a wide cross-section of people. Have an interest in conservation management with knowledge of the Broads area. Have a willingness to learn more about the Broads, its special qualities and management. Have a willingness to attend required training days and undertake

	ongoing training and skill development.
	Have flexibility and enthusiasm.
Desirable skills that may help as a Ranger Volunteer	 Map reading skills. Interest/expertise in conservation/ecology. Boat handling experience. Experience of countryside/water-based recreation. First Aid training/experience. VHF Radio.
Where you will be based	 Ranger Volunteers are based at different locations depending on their Ranger Team. Wroxham/Irstead Team is based at Wroxham boat shed/Horning Water Works. Thurne Team is based at Ludham/Horning Water Works. Yare Team Norwich is based at Thorpe Dockyard.
	Yare Team Hardley is based at Hardley Dyke.
	Waveney Team is based at Island Cottage, Beccles.
	 Please note that to reduce travel and to use your local knowledge we ask that Ranger Volunteers live near to the Ranger Team they volunteer with.
Times/days we would like you to be able to help us	 As there is considerable training input into this role we ask Ranger Volunteers to stay for a minimum of one year. We also expect Ranger Volunteers to offer a minimum of 2 days per month. These may be weekday, weekend days or a combination. Rangers do not work weekends during the winter so you would need to be prepared to volunteer unsupervised (or with another volunteer) at the weekends in the winter.
Minimum age	18 years.
Do I need a driving licence?	Yes, you will need to be able to get to different bases and sites throughout your Ranger Team's area.
What training will I receive?	 Role Specific Induction. All volunteers are asked to complete induction training including Safety Training and Volunteering Essentials modules and a refresher once every 3 years. This may include first aid training if relevant to the role. Following this Ranger Volunteers will receive 'on-the-job' role-specific training as appropriate. Level 1 - Basic Ranger Volunteer training must be completed within the first six months. This will provide a level of safe independence and

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	 competence on the land and water and the skills required to support the Rangers. To pass the Level 1 – Basic training you will need to complete the Basic Boat Handling, Events and Habitat Management modules and have an in date first aid qualification. Ranger Volunteers can progress onto Level 2 – Advanced training if they are suitable and there is organisational need. To pass you will need to complete the Level 1- Basic training, the Advanced Boat Handing Module and RYA Powerboat Level 2. Ranger Volunteers can progress onto Level 3 – Solo Helm training if they are suitable and there is organisational need. To pass you will need to complete both Level 1 – Basic and Level 2 – Advanced training, the Advanced Public Engagement Module and the VHF radio qualification. NCC Driver Assessment Training if an organisational need for driving Broads Authority vehicles. Additional modular training could compliment the Ranger Volunteer role, such as the Education Module, but this is not compulsory. You may also be offered additional external training if the skill is
	required to assist the Ranger Team with their work.
	Click on the link to apply https://bttr.im/tm61w
How to apply	Applications close at 5pm on Monday 9 December.
	Good luck!

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