

August

Clearing Tennyson's View**Black Down, Surrey**

Come and join us at Black Down so you too can say, as the poet Tennyson did, 'you came and looked and loved the view, long known and loved by me, green Sussex fading into blue, with one grey glimpse of sea'. You'll be clearing birch and pine scrub to bring life to the heaths and tackling rhododendron to restore our woods. You'll also be carrying out construction and maintenance tasks across the estate to help look after and care for this wonderful corner of the South Downs National Park.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTQ175	4th-11th	7	Hunter Bunkhouse	£160

SOLD OUT**Get batty at Slindon****Slindon Estate, West Sussex**

With the direction of local experts, you'll be surveying bats from around cottages and farm buildings and walking nightly 'transect' routes of around 6km a night across the Slindon Estate and surrounding NT properties. Like bats, this holiday has a largely nocturnal schedule: the working day will start in the late afternoon with classroom sessions on recording and monitoring and then you'll work past midnight to get up close and personal with these winged wonders. The daytime can be spent recovering and exploring the beautiful local countryside. There may also be some practical bat-related tasks for those who are keen. A good level of fitness is required and some bat-detector experience is desirable but no prior knowledge is essential.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP148	4th-11th	7	Slindon Bunkhouse	£260

Upland path restoration**Brecon Beacons and Monmouthshire, Powys**

Come and build a footpath while enjoying stunning views. You will be learning the ancient technique of stone pitching footpaths and landscaping through eroded scars. You could also learn how to build a stone drain, a stone revetment wall or spend a day or two working at Abergwesyn, covering and landscaping a peat-bog area. If that's not enough, then you can enjoy the views by walking in the Brecon Beacons, clearing out water breaks as you go. The walk can take up to one hour uphill to reach the work site.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTZ230	4th-11th	7	Dan y Gyrn Bunkhouse	£160

SOLD OUT**Woodland work****Ysbyty and Meirionnydd, Conwy**

The National Trust has some of the most important oak woodlands in the country, but they take a lot of looking after! Come and help us with a variety of tasks to improve the habitats for the rich wildlife we have on both the Ysbyty Estate and Dolmelynllyn.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTP210	5th-11th	6	Hendre Isaf	£150

SOLD OUT**Moorland conservation in the Peak District****Dark Peak Estate, Derbyshire**

Come and spend a weekend on the Dark Peak moors in the Peak District. Help to conserve and improve moorland habitat and landscape, benefiting wildlife and preserving the stunning moorland views. Tasks may include removal of invasive species, moorland fence removal or planting to help revegetation work. The terrain is steep and the weather can be unpredictable so come prepared.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ESP239	10th-12th	2	Dalehead Bunkhouse	£90

SOLD OUT

August cont'd

Summer work in Stackpole woods



Stackpole Estate, Pembrokeshire

Come to the stunning Stackpole Estate and help the ranger team create a space in the woods amongst a wildlife haven. You will be clearing invasive laurel and scrub to create an open streamside glade where people can come and stop a while to observe some wonderful woodland wildlife. We will be building benches, bridges and pathways using timber sourced from our own woods. You will have the opportunity to discover the wider estate in your time off, including our now world-famous Barafundle Bay, all set within Britain's only coastal National Park.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTQ266	10th-17th	7	Stackpole - Kestrel	£160

Fix the fells upland path repair



South Lakes Countryside, Cumbria

A fantastic opportunity to learn about the work the Fix the Fells partnership does to look after our upland paths. Working alongside the National Trust's own teams, you'll tackle the strenuous but rewarding task of path building and repair, learning the sort of skills only a select few people know. You'll also spend a day with the Fix the Fells volunteers, discovering the essential part this dedicated group plays in the project. Please come prepared for plenty of walking in the hills and for unpredictable weather.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JQT214	11th-18th	7	High Wray Bunkhouse - Acland	£160

Grafting on the Greensand Ridge



West Kent Countryside, Kent

Come and explore this special part of Kent, situated on some of the highest points of the Greensand Ridge. With sweeping views across the Weald and beyond, it's easy to see why this area is so loved by everyone who visits. As part of your working holiday you will assist our friendly rangers at properties including Toys Hill to undertake woodland tasks, footpath maintenance and habitat management.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP138	12th-18th	6	Octavia Hill Bunkhouse	£150

Family fun in Upper Wharfedale



Upper Wharfedale, North Yorkshire

Come to Upper Wharfedale for a combination of fun work and fun activities. You'll be helping the rangers in their day-to-day work which may be footpath repairs, fencing, dry-stone walling or cutting down small trees. We'll also organise lots of other activities too!

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18GFZ190	13th-16th	3	Town Head Barn	£95

Beach conservation and fun



Croyde, Woolacombe and Morteohoe, Devon

Celebrate the coast by getting stuck into a range of tasks such as sand-dune management, including tackling invasive species, coastal footpath maintenance and a beach clean on the impressive Woolacombe beach. On your day off try your hand at coastering, traversing the rocky cliffs, jumping in and out of deep pools as you make your way along the North Devon coast. In partnership with H2Outdoor.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18AYP160	18th-25th	7	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£215

Family rangers



Allen Banks & Staward Gorge, Northumberland

Experience what it's like to be a ranger while enjoying time as a family in the great outdoors on this family working holiday. Each day will be a mix of work and play in the beautiful wooded gorge of Allen Banks. Help the rangers make charcoal, clear rhododendron and learn about what it takes to look after this special place and its wildlife as well as other fun activities throughout your stay.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18GFP153	20th-24th	4	Allendale Bunkhouse	£135

August/September

Winkworth Arboretum Estate management



Winkworth Arboretum, Surrey

Help the Winkworth gardeners carry out estate-management work to maintain and develop the National Trust's only arboretum. With a large variety of seasonal gardening and countryside management tasks, there's something for everyone. You could be doing vegetation management in a variety of different habitats, path and step maintenance and tree care of our impressive collection. There will also be an opportunity for guided walks.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTW275	25th-1st	7	Hunter Bunkhouse	£160

Wild flower bank restoration



Hughenden Manor, Buckinghamshire

Join us on the Hughenden Estate in the heart of the Chilterns and help us to restore our wild-flower bank. Every year after the flowers have set seed, we need to cut and remove the summer's growth so the flowers can thrive the following year. This helps the many species of butterfly that rely on the wild-flower bank.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BSP157	31st-2nd	2	Chilterns Bunkhouse	£90



September

Cutting and clearing for wildlife

SOLD OUT

Ludshott and Selborne, Hampshire

Help out with a range of conservation tasks, including removing invasive trees from the heathland, to benefit native wildlife on Ludshott Common by opening glades in the ancient woodland of Selborne and providing feeding places for butterflies. You could also be working to widen rides and restore grassland habitats, or improve access into these tracts of wild countryside, so there is plenty of variety and new skills to learn.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP142	1st-8th	7	Hunter Bunkhouse	£160

Habitat management and conservation

SOLD OUT

Brecon Beacons, Powys

Work from the majestic heights of the Brecon Beacons to the glorious parkland of Abergavenny and the timeless woodlands. Get stuck in with a range of conservation tasks, including scrub clearance, upland erosion control, footpath maintenance, painting and removal of invasive species. Some work sites are on steep hills with a 15-50-minute walk to get to them, but don't worry, it will be worth it for the view. No experience is needed but a sense of fun is essential.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTP229	1st-8th	7	Dan y Gyrn Bunkhouse	£160



Working Holidays

Oak-frame building construction for beginners

SOLD OUT

Windermere, Cumbria

This holiday will give you a good introduction into the fascinating world of green-wood construction. Working on a small project to replace a wood store at the Footprint at St Catherine's, we'll select and fell a tree for our project, hew beams to make the frame and clad it using traditional methods. Who knows, after learning construction methods such as mortice-and-tenon joints, draw pegging and cleaving you may even be inspired to start your own 'Grand Design' or 'Amazing Small Space' at home!

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JTK154	1st-8th	7	High Wray Bunkhouse - Acland	£205

The Devil's in the detail

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Devil's Dyke, West Sussex

The rangers at Devil's Dyke need your help to look after the archaeology and wildlife of this stunning chalk downland area, in Britain's newest National Park. Help us to erect essential stock fencing, maintain walking paths and perhaps enjoy a raging fire as we burn scrub cleared from sensitive areas of grassland. We will take you on a guided walk to explain how your work will directly contribute towards its conservation.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP127	1st-8th	7	Slindon Bunkhouse	£160

Meadow and footpath maintenance

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Cragside Estate and Gardens, Northumberland

One hundred and fifty years ago Lord and Lady Armstrong created a fantasy landscape at Cragside. We are working to enhance not only the landscape but the wildlife too and we would like your help. We will be working on our wildflower meadows as well as rhododendron bashing. Cragside is a rugged hillside landscape and a reasonable level of fitness is needed to enjoy this holiday to the full.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18GTP288	1st-8th	7	Cragside Bunkhouse	£160

West Lakes countryside management

SOLD OUT

Duddon and Eskdale, Cumbria

Assist the rangers with a variety of landscape and ecologically enhancing works. You could be carrying out dry-stone walling, fencing, footpath restoration and scrub removal. We will take you on a guided walk to illustrate how your work today will directly help to maintain our upland heritage (walls), landscape and ecology for the future. Project selection may vary depending on local priorities at the time or the weather! A reasonable level of fitness, a willingness to learn and a sense of humour is all that is required – we will supply the rest.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JTP145	5th-12th	7	Wasdale Annexe	£160

Dry-stone walling in Upper Wharfedale

SOLD OUT

Upper Wharfedale, North Yorkshire

Have you ever thought it would be great to try dry-stone walling? Now's the time to give it a go. With help from experienced rangers, you might be building field boundaries or woodland retaining walls. We'll give you all the training and support you need, plus a lovely location and plenty of insights into the hay meadows, woodlands and moorland that will be surrounding you.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18GTQ184	7th-14th	7	Town Head Barn	£160

Wall and climb at Baggy Point

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Croyde, Woolacombe and Morteohoe, Devon

Come and try your hand at cliff climbing on the soaring cliff of Baggy Point, one of the best climbing spots in North Devon, high above the crashing waves. Two days will be spent learning to climb under expert tuition from Paul of Bluedot Adventures. Work days will be spent restoring the old dry-stone walls on Baggy Point headland. A good head for heights and a sense of adventure is essential for this amazing holiday.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ATP159	8th-15th	7	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£260



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18BTP137	9th-15th	6	Octavia Hill Bunkhouse	£150

Footpaths and woodlands

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Ysbyty and Meirionnydd, Conwy

Join us for a couple of days working at the National Trust's first-ever property, at Dinas Oleu, Barmouth, improving footpaths and access and maintaining the other coastal properties in Meirionnydd. Then spend a day helping out with a variety of woodland tasks to improve habitats for wildlife on the Ysbyty Estate.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KSP209	10th-14th	4	Hendre Isaf	£120

Autumn around Carmarthenshire

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Carmarthenshire

Spend a week visiting a variety of National Trust properties around the beautiful county of Carmarthenshire, from the visitor hubs of Dolaucothi Gold Mines and Dinefwr Park to the remote coastal paths with only the seagulls for company. We will be undertaking a variety of tasks, from clearing vegetation to scrubbing signs and gates ready for the following year.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTP121	15th-22nd	7	Dinefwr Bunkhouse	£160

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18GTP289	15th-22nd	7	Cragside Bunkhouse	£160

Scrumpling and cider making

Black Down, Surrey

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Come and learn how to make your own cider at the Swan Barn Farm Orchard Restoration Project. You will spend two days working in our small orchards, collecting apples and pears, pressing fruit juice and learning how to make cider. The other three days will be spent across the wider estate, working on scrub clearing and construction tasks aimed at restoring habitats for wildlife in this wonderful part of the South Downs National Park.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTZ174	15th-22nd	7	Hunter Bunkhouse	£160

Wasdale landscape and conservation



Wasdale, Cumbria

Come and spend the week with us in the amazing Wasdale valley, home of England's highest mountain, deepest lake and the wonderfully wooded Nether Wasdale property. You will be helping out the rangers with a variety of practical tasks which may include dry-stone walling, fencing, footpath repair, gate hanging along with scrub and woodland management.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JTP250	15th-22nd	7	Wasdale Annexe	£160

Wonder-walling



Stackpole, Pembrokeshire

Come and help us to restore the historic core of the Stackpole Estate. Learn traditional lime-mortar techniques and help us to rebuild the crumbling rose garden wall in Lodge Park woods. But it's not all hard work – you'll also be treated to a guided tour of this fantastic estate and its nature and history. After a hard day's work look out for otters in the lily ponds or relax on one of our stunning beaches.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTQ265	15th-22nd	7	Stackpole – Kestrel	£160

Roll in the hay



Waddesdon Manor, Buckinghamshire

Waddesdon Manor boasts a Daffodil Valley along with an established wildflower meadow containing rare grasses and orchids. To maintain the ecological balance of the soil, you will be raking the meadow grass to spread the wildflower seed, gathering the hay and loading it for compost, thus preserving this unique habitat. There is an opportunity to enjoy Waddesdon's history by having a tour of the manor.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BSW204	16th-19th	3	Chilterns Bunkhouse	£95

The Standen experience



Standen, West Sussex

Join the team at Standen for an all-round property experience. You'll be helping our garden, woods and house teams doing tasks ranging from woodland maintenance and helping to maintain our newly restored garden to preventive conservation in the house. This will include waxing our historic floors and object condition reporting. You'll see some of our behind-the-scenes areas as you help clean them up in preparation for public access.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTW116	16th-22nd	6	Octavia Hill Bunkhouse	£150

Exmoor charcoal, coppicing and dormice



Holnicote Estate, Exmoor, Somerset

Work alongside National Trust rangers and learn about the traditional woodland skills of charcoal making, coppicing and the integral part they play in sustaining a flourishing dormouse population. Join the first dormouse survey of the autumn for an opportunity to become fully acquainted with these fascinating and incredibly cute animals. Also, gain a fascinating insight into the management and ecology of Exmoor's famous wild red deer with the National Trust deer stalker. Includes a cream tea and complimentary bag of Holnicote charcoal for everyone.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ASPI86	17th-21st	4	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£170

Walking and working the rides



Cliveden Estate, Buckinghamshire

Perched high over the River Thames, our wooded cliffs are criss-crossed with tree-lined rides and viewpoints offering spectacular panoramas of Cliveden house and the Berkshire countryside. With careful restoration and management your work will ensure that these historic walks and vistas are kept open for all to enjoy. A member of our ranger team will lead a guided walk on Sunday afternoon, offering further insights into the management of the wider estate.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BSP268	21st-23rd	2	Chilterns Bunkhouse	£90

Weekend ranger

Malham Tarn, North Yorkshire

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Spend a weekend helping rangers around the Malham Tarn area of the Yorkshire Dales. There is plenty to do with a range of tasks to get stuck into. You could be painting iron boundary fences, removing willow scrub, getting muddy clearing ponds or planting trees. Whatever the weather you'll have fun and make new friends. There is lots to do and it is a great chance to see parts of this area you may not have visited before.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18GSP277	21st-23rd	2	Town Head Barn	£90

Green woodworking skills – cleft oak fencing and gates 6

West Exmoor, Devon

We try to manage our land with an eye to the future, to ensure that these precious resources are there for generations to enjoy – sometimes this means looking backwards and learning from the past. Paul has been using his green woodworking techniques as part of our woodland management here in West Exmoor, and you can learn age-old techniques for fencing and gate-making using oak harvested from our special woodlands at Watersmeet to create pens and boundaries at our farm on Exmoor.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ADZ283	21st-28th	7	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£160

Famous five on the South Downs

The South Downs, West Sussex

Get a real flavour of the South Downs by working at a different property, with different habitats, different views and a different ranger team every day. From chalk grassland, heathland and woodland and even a day on beautiful East Head at the mouth of Chichester harbour, you will have rangers on tap to soak up the experience and act as your guide book. We hope by the end you will be as smitten as we are with this rolling landscape.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP169	22nd-29th	7	Slindon Bunkhouse	£160

Moorland conservation in the Peak District 8

Longshaw Estate, Derbyshire

Come and spend a week on the Dark Peak moors on the Peak District. Help conserve and enhance the moorland habitat and landscape, benefiting wildlife and preserving the stunning moorland views. Tasks may involve removal of invasive species or planting moorland plants to improve biodiversity areas. The terrain is challenging and the weather can be unpredictable so come prepared.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ETP238	22nd-29th	7	Dalehead Bunkhouse	£160



Surf 'n' turf

Godrevy, Cornwall



Come and join us for a week of surfing and coastal maintenance on the wave-soaked North Cornish coast. You will have an equal amount of time spent surfing and working. The work will include preparation and laying of turf and repair of access points at the popular and picturesque Godrevy beach. All surf activities and equipment are provided by experienced and qualified instructors from Shore Surf School.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ATP183	22nd-29th	7	Penrose	£220

Wildflowers, hedgerows, bats and barn owls

Colby Woodland Garden, Pembrokeshire

Help us to increase the nature value of our farmland by improving hedgerows and field margins. Working alongside our staff and other volunteers, you will be sowing wildflower strips for pollinating bees and other insects and sowing field margins with seed mixes. Providing food for birds, mice and voles, thus helping our farmland to support a wide range of insect and animal life, including rare bats and barn owls. There will also be a wide range of other estate and garden tasks available to keep things varied and interesting!

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KHP255	22nd-29th	7	Little Craig-y-Borion	£190

The hills are alive

Ashridge Estate, Hertfordshire

Help the next generation of flowers and butterflies on one of the largest areas of chalk grassland in the Chiltern Hills by cutting and removing scrub and grass, then burning it. Ashridge's chalk grassland is one of the most important habitats but it is under threat from scrub. The grassland supports very rare species of butterflies and plants, with good areas supporting up to 30 species of plants per square metre.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BSP195	28th-30th	2	Chilterns Bunkhouse	£90

