



As it is important that our Voluntary Rangers are well matched and right for the role, we have a recruitment process which involves informal interviews and a training programme.

Duties

Voluntary Rangers act under the direction of the Senior Ranger or the appropriate Assistant Ranger. Duties may vary depending on circumstances but will normally include:-

- basic patrols
- litter collection
- fire watch
- staffing mobile display units (MDUs)
- assisting with guided walks
- minor works
- surveys

Voluntary Ranger duties are undertaken mainly at weekends and Bank Holidays. Voluntary Rangers are expected to undertake a minimum of 12 duties between 1 March and 31 October. During this period, mid-week duties will be available (however these do not usually count as part of the minimum 12 duties). A rota will continue to run during the winter months. A duty is usually from 10 am to 5 pm. Voluntary Rangers may claim a mileage allowance of 25p/mile to and from point of duty for specified duties (up to a maximum of 80 miles per day).

Qualifications

Candidates should be physically fit and whilst no formal qualifications are necessary, Voluntary Rangers must be able to communicate in a friendly and tactful manner and be willing to approach members of the public in order to assist or advise them.

A keen interest in the countryside is essential and a good knowledge of the North York Moors is desirable.

Access to a computer is essential as our administration and duty rota organisation is done via a web based volunteer management system (My Volunteer Page).

Training

If candidates are selected at the initial interview they will commence duties as a Provisional Voluntary Ranger (PVR) leading to a training weekend. Assessment will be made during this period and on successful completion of the core training, PVRs will be signed up as Voluntary Rangers (VRs).

First Aid Training

All Voluntary Rangers need a valid certificate which should be maintained and renewed every three years. The National Park Authority will organise courses during the year. Dates of courses will be circulated and every effort should be made to attend one of these as soon as possible after being accepted as a Voluntary Ranger. There is no cost to the Volunteer for these courses. If you already hold a suitable first aid qualification there is no need to do a NP course (proof of qualification will be required).

Maintaining a valid first aid qualification is essential and a requirement for all VRs.

Personal Car Insurance

As most Voluntary Rangers use their own vehicles to get to duties and claim a contribution towards the cost of the journey, it is advisable to check with insurers that insurance policies give adequate cover in such instances. It will be necessary to explain to insurers what the vehicle is being used for and obtain confirmation that the policy will cover such activities.

