



North York Moors National Park

Student Placement 2018-19 – Park Services, Education and Youth Engagement

The North York Moors National Park is one of the most beautiful landscapes in the UK with 25,000 residents and nine million visitors. Our first purpose is to ensure that the North York Moors retains its special qualities. We aim to be a beacon for biodiversity.

The Placement

The successful student will be based in the Park Services Department, and predominantly work in Danby working alongside other members of the Education Team. He or she will work on a range of interesting projects and will help with the day-to-day work of the department. There will also be opportunities to get involved in practical fieldwork with young people and engage with volunteers.

The student will lead on a research project. The precise subject will be finalised in discussion with the student, taking into account his or her skills and interests.

A 'Normal' week

Although there may never be a normal week, with lots of different types of groups utilising our education service each week, each with specific needs and individual learners we expect that roughly:

- 2 days a week will be spent supporting field-studies groups, out and about in the National Park. This will include primary and secondary aged groups learning about the special environments around the National Park and its special environments. As well as assisting with these groups, we aim to support you to lead environmental education activities in the outdoors over the course of the year. This will also include supporting our holiday activity programme with activities specifically targeted at children from the least advantaged communities of the Tees Valley.
- 2 days a supporting our youth engagement programme, where we work with young people undertaking practical activities such as path maintenance, managing invasive species and habitat creation.
- 1 day a week in our Education office supporting our Administrator, Senior Activity Leader and Youth Engagement officer, providing administration support.

Please note: much of our provision runs at a weekend, including our family programme and Young Rangers club, so 3 days a month is likely to be on a Saturday or Sunday.



Placement duration

One year: 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018.

Remuneration

This is an unpaid placement, though we do offer reasonable expenses including mileage as long as these are agreed in advance with a line manager and as set out in our volunteer expenses documentation (currently 22p per mile, up to 80 miles per day).

Working hours

Full time, 37 hour week, Flexible working hours.

Other benefits

25 days annual leave per annum plus bank holidays. Work wear. Continuing Professional Development / training provided.

For an informal discussion please email d.moncrieff@northyorkmoors.org.uk.

Experience/personal skills required

The student should have an interest in outdoor learning and environmental education. A full, clean driving licence and some way to get to Danby each day is essential.

The position will involve both outdoor working and office based work. Students should be proficient in computer use and should be confident using Microsoft Office software.

Submission requirements

Please send a CV and covering letter by email to Daniel Moncrieff d.moncrieff@northyorkmoors.org.uk. Your letter should explain why you are interested in this placement, what you think that you can contribute and what you hope to get from it in terms of your skills/personal development.

Submissions must be received no later than **5pm on Friday 2nd February 2017**.



Volunteer Role Profile

Role	Education & Youth Engagement Placement
Line Manager	Daniel Moncrieff
Location	The Moors National Park Centre, Danby
Min. Commitment	37 hours per week (with holidays) over a year placement

Purpose of Role

To help deliver and lead activities for young people and families as part of the popular North York Moors National Park holiday schools, event and conservation volunteer programme, and develop new activities for the programme.

What you can expect from the role

- The opportunity to play a significant role within a small, friendly team.
- To receive all necessary training required to perform this role to Park Authority standards.
- Having received training, the opportunity to gain valuable first-hand experience in leading young people and children's activities within the National Park including:
 - Assist, and potentially lead, school activities and outdoor learning sessions.
 - Support our Education team by providing administrative support and preparing resources for outdoor learning activities.
 - Lead outdoor activities with young people and families, such as bug hunts, geo-caching treasure hunts and rock pooling.
 - Engage with the public at events, providing information about the National Park and the local area.
 - To help with the daily organisation of our family and children events.
- To be provided with any and all Personal Protection Equipment.
- The opportunity to learn and develop new skills, particularly in relation to working with children, education and outdoor learning.

Requirements and Responsibilities

- Ability to **physically** perform the role – a reasonable level of fitness will be required in order to be efficient in this role.
- Communicate effectively with young people and families to ensure activities run smoothly and are well received by participants.
- Undertake a DBS check and comply with the Park Authority's Child Welfare Policy.
- Enter data into 'My volunteer page', record participants numbers, gather feedback and ensure parental consent forms are filled in as required.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team with enthusiasm and positivity.
- Willingness to learn new skills, and to be prepared to undergo any and all training deemed necessary in the performance of this role.
- Adherence to all Park Authority health and safety standards.

Although there is no such thing as a typical week within the Education Team, and tasks will vary depending on time of the year, with different demands in holiday periods and school term, the following gives a breakdown of the type of activities which are likely to be included regularly:

- 2 days a week assisting (and potentially leading) school groups, this includes getting resources ready, planning, meeting groups and supporting learning. During the holiday period these activities will be predominantly with family groups.
- 1 day a week supporting administration within the Education team, including contacting schools, responding to enquiries, utilising our database, collating evaluation feedback and booking transport for our Targeted Transport scheme.
- 2 day a week supporting our Youth Engagement Officer Leading conservation practical tasks.

In becoming a Placement Volunteer you agree to perform all duties in line with North York Moors National Park Authority policy and values.