



**Lake District
National Park**



Role title: Fix the Fells Volunteer Lengthsmen
Location: Various Locations covering the whole of the Lake District
Supervisor: Richard Fox – Fix the Fells Ranger

Purposes of Role :

To undertake maintenance and repair work on specified upland paths and to monitor and maintain the condition of popular routes in the Lake District National Park .

To help promote the work of Fix the Fells to the wider public .

What this role offers

- Amazing opportunity to volunteer in one of the most beautiful landscapes in Britain.
- A professional package of training including Practical Path Maintenance, First Aid and Navigation.
- The space to develop existing skills and gain new ones in a practical working environment.
- Support from a motivated and enthusiastic team of staff and experienced volunteers.
- A calendar of social and celebration events with staff and volunteers.
- Reimbursement of expenses.

Practicalities

This is an all year round role and we ask for a regular commitment of 12 days per year, (including training days) due to time and training invested in this role.

This is a flexible volunteering role where duties can be carried out on any day of the week depending on individual availability.

In line with our Carbon Reduction Strategy we will be looking to recruit people from the local area (Cumbria or North Lancashire)

Key Tasks

1. To carry out routine maintenance work on specific upland paths:
 - a. Clearing out path drainage features
 - b. Cleaning out culverts
 - c. Clearing loose stones from sections of stone pitching
 - d. Removing unwanted seed cairns.
 2. To attend ranger led practical work parties on upland paths to undertake minor repairs and landscaping .
 3. To monitor previous upland path repair work, survey deterioration on routes and report any variation in condition.
 4. To promote the work of Fix the Fells by talking to the public and providing information.
 5. To maintain good working relationships with landowners, tenants, farmers, local communities and partner organisations through joint projects and initiatives .
 6. To attend training sessions and meetings with other volunteers and staff.
 7. To adhere to the LDNPA and National Trust *Values and Behaviours Policy* and follow guidance set out in the *Fix the Fells Health and Safety Policy* at all times
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Knowledge:

Essential: An interest in practical conservation and upland path repair work, and associated Health and safety awareness.

Desirable: Knowledge of the Lake District

Skills:

Desirable: A good level of physical fitness
Hands on practical person
Map reading and navigation (training is available)

Experience:

Essential: Hillwalking experience

Desirable: Working outdoors
Working with the general public

TRAINING (provided)

Essential: General Induction to include Health and Safety
Practical path maintenance training
Navigation
First Aid

Please note : This is one of our most popular volunteering roles and based on past experience we expect there to be a high demand for the 20 places available.

Don't let this put you off applying but - please be aware that we will need to allocate places by shortlisting against the above person specification if we are oversubscribed

We will contact everyone who applies by the Friday 17 April 2020