



Help Conserve a Woodland Trust Wood and Learn Earth Skills

In July and August, the Woodland Trust and The Earth Skills Project (TESP) are carrying out an exciting conservation project at Snidley Moor and Woodhouse Hill wood near Frodsham, and are inviting members of the public to get involved in a wide variety of countryside maintenance and conservation tasks as part of a working holiday.

Tasks may include work such as pathway maintenance, hedgerow and vegetation management, removing invasive species, and improving access on the site. The project is a Duke of Edinburgh Gold award residential working holiday; volunteers will be staying at the campsite at the wood, which forms an ideal base for walking the Sandstone Trail, an area that has many Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or exploring Delamere Forest.

Each working holiday lasts for five days with a group usually of 10 people, with a dedicated, DBS (CRB)-checked, TESP trainer who will explain about the important conservation work to be carried out and provide tuition on any required skills. No previous experience is required.

Woodland Trust Site Manager, Neil Oxley, said: "This is a great opportunity to have a short, enjoyable, outdoor working holiday, close to home, and feel like you have made a real contribution to protecting and maintaining the local area."

Volunteers will need to take along suitable outdoor clothing, but work gloves and any tools and equipment will be provided. Food is also provided, either outside in the camping area, or indoors.

During the residential, TESP will run some sessions that involve learning new skills like Green Woodworking or Bush Craft, and there will be fun, relaxing events in the evenings.

Dates:

27th July 2015

10th August 2015

24th August 2015

Duration:

4 nights 5 days

More information can be found on The Earth Skills Project website:

<http://www.theearthskillsproject.co.uk/Home.html>

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Notes to editors:

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The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading charity championing native woods and trees. It has over 400,000 supporters.

The Trust has three key aims: i) plant native trees and woods with the aim of creating resilient landscapes for people and wildlife ii) protect ancient woodland which is rare, unique and irreplaceable iii) restoration of damaged ancient woodland, bringing precious pieces of our natural history back to life

Established in 1972, the Woodland Trust now has over 1,000 sites in its care covering approximately 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres). Access to its woods is free.