



Wildlife Walk Assessor - Role Description

About Cumbria Wildlife Trust

As one of 46 independent Wildlife Trusts, we are a local wildlife conservation charity. Cumbria Wildlife Trust cares passionately about wildlife and wild places – we're here to put wildlife back into our land and seascapes to make Cumbria a wilder county with more space for nature. We restore and connect wild places, work with nature to tackle the climate emergency and support people to take local action for wildlife. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the dedication and support from our community of 600 active volunteers, over 1500 members and supporters.

What is a Wildlife Walk Assessor?

Cumbria Wildlife Trust has created a number of 'great places to see' and 'wildlife walks'. The locations cover a range of beautiful landscapes and habitats across Cumbria, many off the beaten track, from fell top to seashore. Visitor information guides to these walks, are available on our website and publications. These guides are great for visitors who want to get back to nature and want to check out certain aspects, before visiting.

- Your role includes visiting these sites, checking that all the guide information is both up to date and correct. This will involve looking at flora and fauna species, visitor access, parking locations and a whole host more which will vary between each site.
- This role will involve lone working in remote places, sometimes with poor mobile signal.

You will be provided with an emergency plan and a buddy for each session to ensure you carry out the assessment, safely. There will be a requirement to walk on rough and uneven terrain, be able to identify UK flora and fauna species. You will also need to get to these sites, which are often in remote places away from public transport networks.

We will provide ID sheets, maps of the reserves as well as copies of the current publications and features to look out for.

This is a very flexible role. You can survey at the same or different locations. You will need a full day to assess one site. So, for an interesting day in the beautiful Cumbrian countryside, come along and help us give reserve visitors the best possible experience.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team at Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- Health and wellbeing benefits by making new friends, making a difference and having fun
- Opportunity to increase your knowledge of wildlife species and habitats
- Opportunity to help CWT raise awareness of wildlife and conservation

What's Involved?

- Opportunity to visit our nature reserve sites across Cumbria
- Working with a 'buddy' in remote places, sometimes with poor mobile signal.
- Checking that all the guide information is both up to date and correct
- Involves looking at flora and fauna species, visitor access, parking locations and a whole host more which will vary between each site.

Who would suit this role?

This role will suit anyone interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust, who loves wildlife and wants to make a real difference in their local community. It would especially suit those who:

- Are reliable and committed to this role
- Have good observational skills, basic literacy and numeracy skills
- Have a good attention to detail
- Have an ability to follow given health and safety guidelines
- Have a reasonable level of fitness
- Have an ability to negotiate uneven and slippery terrain on land
- Previous UK flora and fauna ID skills would be beneficial. Training and comprehensive guidance will be given.

Extra information

Your place	Cumbria wide for wildlife walk assessors
Time commitment	Flexible role. Each site visit will take full day
Volunteer Coordinator	Matthew Poulton, MatthewP@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Staff Contact (if different)	
Training/Resources	Maps of sites, current publications and any other equipment will all be supplied by the Trust where needed.
Other Requirements	Wildlife walk assessor role not suitable for wheelchair users

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one
or an employment contract