



North Wales Wildlife Trust

Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd

April 2024

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. With 35 nature reserves to manage throughout North Wales, there is always lots of work to be done and we would love you to come along and join us. Now that the signs of spring are all around us, it's a great time of year to volunteer on our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **April 2024** on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd. **If you wish to attend any of the work days, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed below). Thank you.**

In summary there is usually:

- A volunteer work day every Wednesday on one of our Anglesey or Bangor reserves, 10 a.m. at the reserve – approx. 4 p.m. **Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day every Wednesday at our Gwaith Powdwr reserve, near Penrhyndeudraeth, 10 a.m. at the reserve – 3.30 p.m. **Contact Luke Jones on 07764 897414 or luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day every Thursday on one of our reserves near Llandudno, 10 a.m. at the reserve – approx. 3.30 p.m. **Contact Luke Jones on 07764 897414 or luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day at the Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, held on the first Friday of every month – 10 a.m. at the reserve until 1 p.m. **Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4th Friday of the month – 10 a.m. at the reserve until 3.30 p.m. **Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**

Our work parties provide an interesting and lively mix of practical work and informal training. Each work day will consist of a brief introduction to the nature reserve and its management. There will also be some training in tool use and appropriate health and safety issues. **Details of the locations of our nature reserves can be found on our website www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk** You will need to wear work clothes and stout boots/wellingtons and bring along waterproofs and a packed lunch and a drink. We will supply work gloves and tools. We ask that you make sure your work boots or wellies are clean; biosecurity is an important part of our work - you can find out more on our website.

Please remember, if you are interested in attending a particular work party, you must contact the relevant task leader in advance. Thank you!

Wednesday 3rd April

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
From 1865 until 1995 this site was home to a world-renowned explosives factory. North Wales Wildlife Trust took over the site when it was decommissioned in 1998 & since then nature has flourished. Today we will be carrying out non-native species control (buddleia, cotoneaster & rhododendron). Weather permitting, we'll also be carrying out a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 3rd April

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.
The complex geology and wealth of different habitats make Cors Goch one of Wales's most diverse, colourful nature reserves & part of an internationally significant network of fens in Anglesey. Today we will be carrying out fencing repairs and doing work on the boardwalk. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 4th April

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
The wide variety of wetland habitats at this remote, upland nature reserve in the Gwydir Forest were created when water levels were raised artificially in the 19th century to supply water for the mining industry. Today we will be clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow and doing work on newly installed bridges. Wellies essential! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

Tuesday 9th April

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Filled with primitive plants and ancient oak trees, Coed Crafnant is a hidden treasure that feels like stepping back in time to the ancient wildwoods of Wales. Today, with the help of students from Bangor University, we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve including protecting regenerating trees with tree shelters & path maintenance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th April

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.
Discover the spectacular patchwork of habitats, each with its own unique character and array of wildlife. Today we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the nature reserve including fencing and boardwalk repairs. We will also be carrying out a bird and reptile survey – weather permitting. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 10th April

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Today we will be carrying out a variety of different jobs which will benefit wildlife living on the nature reserve and also the people who visit. We will be installing a new bench and erecting barrier fencing to prevent disturbance to reptiles. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Thursday 11th April

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

This nature reserve is a slice of limestone grassland and maritime heath on the western slopes of the Great Orme, teeming with butterflies and wildflowers in the summer. Today we will be clearing scrub & non-native cotoneaster to protect this valuable habitat. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Friday 12th April

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, Gwynedd. **Morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

A series of lagoons and surrounding habitat provide shelter & food for wildfowl, waders and smaller birds, especially during the autumn & spring migrations. Today we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve with an opportunity to do some bird watching. Don't forget your binoculars! Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Matt Cole for more information.

Wednesday 17th April

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve including work in the tree nursery. Weather permitting, we'll also carry out a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 17th April

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This nature reserve lies on a rocky limestone outcrop that raises it above the surrounding area and offers stunning, far-reaching views all year round. Sections of the site were quarried for limestone in the past and the properties of the underlying rock shape the vegetation we see today. In spring and summer, this site comes alive with wildflowers that thrive on this lime-rich soil. Today we will be carrying out fencing work and controlling invasive non-native plants, e.g. cotoneaster. Weather permitting, we will also carry out bird and reptile surveys. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 18th April

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

The wide variety of wetland habitats at this remote, upland nature reserve in the Gwydir Forest were created when water levels were raised artificially in the 19th century to supply water for the mining industry. Today we will be clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow and installing a new bench. Wellies essential! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

Friday 19th April

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd. **Morning only - 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

Overlooking the Menai Strait on one side and with views of Snowdonia on the other, this is a much-loved wild oasis in the heart of Bangor. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different jobs around the nature reserve including a litter pick and boardwalk construction. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 24th April

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Filled with primitive plants and ancient oak trees, Coed Crafnant is a hidden treasure that feels like stepping back in time to the ancient wildwoods of Wales. Today, with the help of students from Bangor University, we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve including protecting regenerating trees with tree shelters & path maintenance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Thursday 25th April

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today we return back to our nature reserve situated on the western slopes of the Great Orme. Clearing non-native cotoneaster will help to ensure that the nature reserve will be teeming with butterflies and wildflowers in the summer. Enjoy inspiring views of the mountains and Anglesey while you work! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

We would like to thank Natural Resources Wales for supporting our conservation management work.

