



Flag Fen

Grounds Maintenance Volunteer

What is a Grounds Maintenance volunteer?

This is a volunteer role that plays an essential part in maintaining the site, conserving wildlife and helping visitors have a deeper, more enriching experience at Flag Fen.

Your role may include a variety of tasks such as:

- Wattle fence making
- Willow coppicing
- Grassland management
- Reedbed management including reed pulling/cutting
- General grounds, building and tool maintenance
- Tractor driving
- Wildlife surveying
- Helping with events throughout the year such as the Viking festival

This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn new skills and share the skills that you already have with the ranger team, with the aims of improving our parkland both for wildlife and visitors.

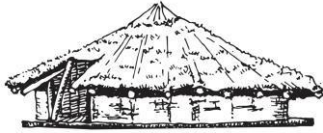
What's in it for you?

- Meet new people, becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team.
- Great way to get hands-on experience helping to improve wildlife in your local area
- Opportunity to learn more about this historic landscape, fenland habitats and species throughout work party sessions
- A sense of achievement, knowing you have contributed to the upkeep and improvement of Flag Fens parkland and key habitats– A job well done!

The role will suit people who...

Are willing to work as an integral part of a small team, who are passionate and committed to enhancing and promoting Flag Fen. Willingness to get involved and get stuck in with the tasks we have to carry out will be ideal as volunteering happens come rain or shine! Because of this, you will likely already have an interest in history or nature (or both!) and want to contribute by helping us improve this site for its wildlife and visitors.

This role may also suit those wanting to get some experience in the sector, helping you work towards a career in conservation.



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About Flag Fen

Flag Fen is a place where you can see remains of the well preserved Bronze Age causeway, reconstructed round houses, unspoilt Fenland landscape packed full of wildlife and much more. Visitors are invited to explore a prehistoric landscape full of stories, reconstructions and artefacts.

The story of Flag Fen begins in 1971 when excavations ahead of the construction of Peterborough New Town revealed an almost intact Bronze Age landscape, which ran along the edge of the drained fen. It was in 1982 when archaeologists surveyed the depths of the Flag Fen basin and came across Bronze aged timbers, making Flag Fen one of the most important archaeological sites in Europe. Excavations in the basin continue to find prehistoric settlements, farms, barrows, cemeteries and religious sites along with managed river causeways across the developing fen marsh.

Flag Fen is a complex patchwork of habitats including reedbed and open water, dykes, peat grassland and small patches of woodland. Many species of birds, insects and small mammals are found here throughout the year and with wildlife surveys, we are discovering more. We are dedicated to enriching and conserving these special habitats and are looking at new ways in which our visitors can enjoy this wildlife haven.

We aim to enrich people's lives, encouraging enjoyment, learning and participation through our public programme, training and volunteering schemes. We hold events throughout the year, family activities during the holidays, a programme for schools and community-focused initiatives. We are a space for people to be active, learn new things, look at the world differently, make friends and give something back.

Where	Flag Fen, The Droveaway, Northey road, Peterborough, PE6 7QJ
Time Commitment	Sessions run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 3pm (flexible). You can opt in to sessions that work for you. If you not available for these sessions, please get in touch to see if we can sort something out.
Responsible to	Name: Bethany McGuire Position: Ranger Email: bethany.mcguire@peterboroughlimited.co.uk
Training	No formal training is needed as training will be provided, but a desire to get stuck in is required.
Other	As a regular volunteer you will gain free entry to Flag Fen and all un-ticketed events. You will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear including boots or wellies, as well as bringing something to eat/drink. Tools and PPE are provided.

If you are interested

Please contact Bethany McGuire: bethany.mcguire@peterboroughlimited.co.uk