

Dundreggan Conservation Estate Long Term Volunteer

Dundreggan is Trees for Life's flagship forest restoration project. Near Loch Ness in beautiful Glen Moriston, this 10,000 acre expanse of spectacular wild land was purchased by Trees for Life in 2008.

Dundreggan contains substantial areas of ancient woodlands, including remnants of the original Caledonian Forest, superb birch-juniper woodlands and the largest expanse of dwarf birch in Scotland. Our ambition is to develop Dundreggan into one of Scotland's finest native woodlands, abundant in wildlife, and protected for generations to come.

As part of a team of volunteers you will work on a range of innovative conservation projects with a focus on native woodland establishment and regeneration.

Tasks will include:

- Tree planting
- Surveys and research
- Working on our expanding tree nursery
- Fertilising trees
- Felling, brashing and ring barking non-native trees
- Strimming bracken
- Maintenance of tools and equipment
- Other

There will be opportunities to work alongside our experienced team of professionals, as well as other groups of day and week-long volunteers. There will also be opportunities to work on other Trees for Life project sites out with Dundreggan.

This role would suit someone with a passion for forest conservation and a positive approach to tackling environmental challenges, desirably someone with previous experience in working outdoors or study of ecology or an environmental subject. However no experience is necessary, as full training will be given.

Volunteers will need to be fit and hardy for more extreme terrain as there are long walks to planting sites, and will be required to work for five days each week and may be asked to work at weekends.