

## Skills for Rewilding

### Conservation and Landscape Planning Traineeship

Trees for Life are recruiting one conservation and landscape planning trainee, to be based mostly at Dundreggan Estate, near Loch Ness, although there will be significant periods of time based at different sites.

Throughout the Highlands there are remnant fragments of Caledonian forest and part of the traineeship will involve developing skills associated with assessing, recording and reporting on the health of these remaining fragments. The qualification associated with this traineeship also includes elements that are relevant to a broad spectrum of conservation based jobs, including understanding and communicating environmental best practice, promoting responsible public use of outdoor sites and working to create or manage habitats.

#### Traineeship experiences and learning

- Species identification, flora and fauna
- Habitat assessment and reporting
- Herbivore impact assessments
- Tree planting
- Deer population estimates
- Environment impact assessments
- Red squirrel translocations
- Trail camera trapping
- Working with volunteers
- Tree nursery activities
- Tool use and maintenance
- Guided walks and talks
- Desk based research, data entry



- Four days a week learning by doing.
- One day a week independent study towards an Environmental Conservation SVQ.
- There will be opportunities to go on work placements with external organisations, to make links with potential future employers and to increase knowledge about the conservation sector. In addition, there will be crossover with activities on the other traineeships. There will be an opportunity to gain a first aid qualification and health and safety/risk assessment training will be provided.

Desirable attributes for this traineeship include being:

- Passionate about conservation
- Interested in restoration of habitats
- Motivated and organised
- Interested in environmental monitoring
- Able to work independently
- Good communicator
- Responsible
- Able to work as part of a team
- Good attention to detail
- Desire to inspire public enjoyment of wild spaces
- Practically inclined
- Flexible (happy to help with whatever needs doing)
- Willing to work in cold/hot, wet or midge conditions
- Reasonably physically fit



The traineeship will include shadowing and learning from the Caledonian pinewood surveyor. Basic computer skills and ecological knowledge are desirable. A degree of independence would be advantageous, due to the traineeship being divided across different sites.

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