

## Wildlife Action Group information

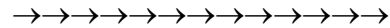
No need to book (unless specified on the task list).

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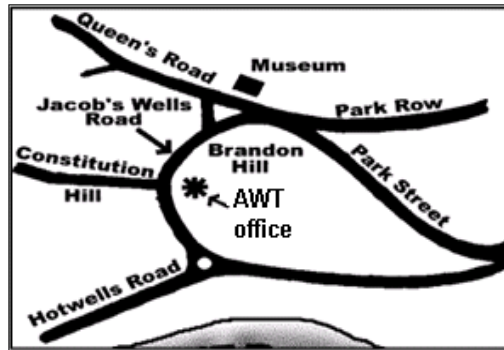
- A packed lunch
- Old clothes, waterproof coat & trousers
- Sturdy footwear (steel toe capped boots or walking boots and/or wellies)

Both groups meet in the Trust's office courtyard at 9.45am and leave in the minibus at 10am.

We provide transport to the site, all necessary tools, personal protective equipment (PPE), training, and hot drinks, squash and biscuits.



Meet at Avon Wildlife Trust's office courtyard at 32 Jacobs Wells Road, Bristol, BS8 1DR (opposite Constitution Hill, a few houses down the road from the Hope and Anchor Pub).



Please note that our Wildlife Action Groups have become very popular, and due to health & safety and logistics we have to limit the maximum number to 20 people. Therefore at present we are asking all potential volunteers to contact us before joining. See the Volunteer page on our web-site for updates on volunteering opportunities.

It is advisable to have an up to date Tetanus jab before joining us

For further details please contact us on [volunteer@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk)  
Or on 0117 9177270

Visit our website for information on reserves, events, current campaigns, membership and other volunteering opportunities.

[www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk)

# Avon

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# Wildlife Action Group Task Programme



## April – June 2019



# WAG Volunteers

## Wednesdays (Depart 10am)

### April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Max Bog**  
We've been carefully managing this small but beautiful reserve with an annual machine cut and some follow up grazing. To ensure as much of the land retains its rich species diversity we're tidying up the edges and removing poplar saplings that spread across the site. It's a wet site so wear wellies!
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Priors Wood**  
Our coppice coop management over the winter has really opened up a section of the woodland and the increased light levels should help wildflowers to re-establish. We're clearing up in the coop and dead hedging to discourage browsing deer.
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Folly Farm**  
We've been working a section of Hazel hedging that runs parallel to our access for all trail. The lowered height gives wonderful views across to the ancient woodland of Dowlings wood and we'll be working to finish the line of hedge before the hedgerow is fully in leaf and showing its summer plumage.
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Tickenham Hill**  
The wildflower slopes at Tickenham are rich in botany but prone to scrub. We'll be working to remove some low lying scrub that strangles and mutilates the wildflowers.

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Weston Moor**  
We have two cider apple orchards in the middle of the site and the tree protection has sadly stopped being effective and the sheep have been nibbling the trees. We'll spend the day on this lovely site removing and replacing the post and net fencing around the trees.
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Lower Woods**  
May is a lovely time to visit this woodland reserve where orchids thrive in ancient glades. We'll be helping out Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust on seasonal tasks around the woodland.
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Clapton Moor**  
The barn owl corridors have become redundant as Barn Owls now hunt across the site. We're installing new Barn owl boxes in the valley soon so we'll be removing the fencing and opening up the site for grazing to the field margins.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Dolebury Warren**  
We have several access routes onto Dolebury Warren and we try hard to maintain them for the General public. It's now over 10 years since we installed the steps and revetments on the woodland access through onto the amphitheatre so we'll spend this day removing and replacing those that are rotten.
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Weston Moor – Taggarts Wood**  
The plantation woodland on the slope has developed well but needs some thinning over forthcoming years. Although it was planted almost 30 years ago some of the original tree guards are still in place so we'll be removing these to make the wood feel a little more natural.

### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> **Kings Wood**  
As we get into the longer days it's good to have a task that can be set off at first light and finished at twilight. We'll be chopping and splitting wood and stacking the charcoal burners at Kings Wood and we might test some of the charcoal produced last year as a little treat.
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Mystery Task**  
It's good to leave a task day free in case we can start early on some of the summer work programme or finish late on some of the spring work programme. We'll let you know where we're going nearer the time.
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Bathampton Meadow**  
For the past few years we've been tackling the ragwort across this little gem of a nature reserve. Annual visits are starting to reduce the abundance and the vigour of the plant and this allows us to graze the land more confidently. Expect a good walk round and bags of stuff to be removed.
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Summer Outing and Picnic**  
As we reach the end of the spring works programme we like to reflect on the massive amount we achieve with the support of our practical conservation volunteers. We'll be going on a visit to a rich wildlife site and we'll be providing a picnic lunch to be enjoying whilst soaking up the sunshine. **Places limited and must be booked on the [Summer Picnic signup sheet](#).**

**Please note: The Trust can supply transport for up to 20 people per task**