

Path maintenance volunteer



Purpose of role Help protect the places we love to walk by maintaining and improving paths and rights of way as a volunteer for a Ramblers path maintenance team.

Duties As a path maintenance team volunteer, you may be involved in the following activities:

- vegetation clearance from all sides of a path
- stile building and repair
- small bridge construction
- boardwalk construction and repair
- work on steps, gates, path surface or drainage
- erection of signposts and waymarks

Some teams only carry out vegetation clearance activities, while others are involved in installing and replacing path furniture.

Before you participate in a working party activity

Make sure you understand the insurance criteria and how to act in a safe and responsible way when carrying out path maintenance work.

Skills and experience

- A passion for the walking environment and an affinity with all the charitable aims of the Ramblers
- Some experience of gardening or carpentry is beneficial
- Previous volunteering experience
- Good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team
- Awareness of health and safety and the ability to listen to and follow instructions to ensure the safety of yourself and others

Support available Every path maintenance team has a volunteer team leader, who will be available to give you support and advice. Extensive guidance on leading a walk is also available on the Ramblers website.

<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer-zone/support-and-development/volunteer-toolkits/volunteer-path-team-toolkit.aspx>

The Ramblers offer guidance on the law relating to Rights of Way through our Volunteer Development Days.

Further information is available from:

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