

## **Boundary Volunteer Role Description at Skiddaw**

### **About Cumbria Wildlife Trust**

As one of 46 independent Wildlife Trusts, we are a local wildlife conservation charity. Cumbria Wildlife Trust cares passionately about wildlife, wild places and people – we're here to put wildlife back into our land and seascapes to make Cumbria a wilder county with more space for nature. We restore and connect wild places, work with nature to tackle the climate emergency and support people to take action for wildlife.

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the dedication and support from our community of 700 active volunteers, and over 15,000 members and supporters.

### **What is a Skiddaw Boundary volunteer?**

We are looking for volunteers who will patrol the Skiddaw site boundary, checking for weakness, livestock presence and recording anything else of note.

This project is funded by Aviva and the public and aims to restore wildlife and Atlantic rainforest to the Back of Skiddaw Forest.

You will join a friendly and dedicated team of volunteers and staff and your role will include working in pairs, on a rota as part of a wider team, walking parts of the boundary site of the land owned by Cumbria Wildlife Trust. Where required, and where possible, you may make small repairs if possible, report larger issues to the reserve officer, or assist with other relevant tasks such as planting trees.

**Please note: the landscape here is demanding. Volunteers will need to be fit and competent in the hills, all year round, and ideally have prior knowledge and experience of the site.**

### **What's in it for you?**

You'll play a part in helping us grow 300,000 trees on Skiddaw Forest, recreating Atlantic rainforest that has been lost from the site, and restore missing habitats.

This role will suit anyone interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust and who loves spending time on the Fells. It would especially suit those who:

- Are aged 18 or over
- Are very experienced in being outdoors at high altitudes (up to 900m)
- Are content to work in a pair



- Have good communication skills and understand the need to keep in touch with the rest of the team

We are also looking for a member of the team to lead on organising the rota and recording information, for example, through the use of a spreadsheet.

#### Extra information

<b>Your place</b>	Skiddaw Forest
<b>Time commitment</b>	1 day a month
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Ruth Alcroft, volunteering coordinator <a href="mailto:volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk">volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk</a>
<b>Staff Contact (if different)</b>	Isaac Johnston
<b>Training/Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An on-site induction with the Skiddaw Forest team</li><li>• Navigation training</li><li>• First Aid training</li><li>• Volunteer handbook and online Trust induction</li><li>• Health and safety training (as part of the role or discreet)</li><li>• Volunteers are able to claim travel expenses of 50p per mile, up to 30 miles, agreed in advance with their staff contact</li></ul>
<b>Other requirements</b>	A site induction and orientation will be provided

**This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract**