

Eastern Moors Volunteering Role Profile



Eastern Moors Partnership

Volunteering role	Ring Ouzel Nest Monitoring		
Location	Eastern Edges (including Eastern Moors, Burbage area, Millstone and Stanage)		
Long term/Short term	Short term	Time period	1 st April 2017 – 31 st July 2017
Commitment	1-2 days per month, but spread over weekly visits. A nest visit would be required each week (allow minimum 2 hours per visit), for up to 4 weeks per nest. Any day or time of day, except late evening, weather permitting.		

Why we want you:

Ring Ouzels are monitored on the Eastern Edges due to the sensitivity of their nest sites to disturbance from many forms of outdoor recreation. Conservationists and climbers through the BMC work together to put temporary access restrictions in place to allow Ring Ouzels to breed undisturbed in some of the busiest locations in their Peak District habitat.

This is achieved through closely monitoring any pairs of Ring Ouzels which nest in areas likely to be disturbed. Temporary signs are put in place to ask people to keep a safe distance, and the progress of the nest is monitored. When (with a little luck) the chicks fledge, the signs are then removed.

What's in it for you:

An opportunity to make a valuable contribution to conservation in the area, and to study and observe at close quarters one of the iconic bird species of the Peak District. You will also be helping to continue a longstanding partnership between the conservation and outdoor recreation communities.

The skills and talents that you will need:

Some bird identification skills and experience of nest monitoring (particularly through the BTO, see below) are desirable but training will be provided. An understanding of the sensitive nature of the work is essential – the welfare of the birds is the most important element. Membership of the BMC and/or previous experience volunteering for the EMP or PDNPA would also be useful, but not essential.

Most of the work will require walking and possibly some scrambling over rough ground – depending on nest locations some amount of climbing or ropework skills may also be useful, however this will be entirely optional.

You will need to attend some informal training during the first weeks of April. All volunteers will be encouraged to sign up to the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) Nest Record Scheme (see www.bto.org/nrs).

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