



## Mendip Hills AONB Volunteer Role Outline: Volunteer Walk Leader

<p><b>Role Title:</b></p> <p>Mendip Hills AONB Volunteer Walk Leader</p>
<p><b>Responsible to:</b></p> <p>Mendip Hills AONB Volunteer Coordinator</p>
<p><b>Purpose of the Role:</b></p> <p>To assist the AONB Unit in promoting greater understanding of the landscapes, wildlife and heritage of the AONB through guided walks. Enhancing local and visitor knowledge of the Mendip Hills, the work of the AONB unit and encouraging the appropriate use and enjoyment of the area.</p>
<p><b>Minimum Age:</b></p> <p>18 years old</p>
<p><b>Key Duties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leading guided walks as part of AONB Events Programme.</li> <li>• Providing information about an area or subject around which the walk is focused.</li> <li>• Ensuring group safety.</li> <li>• Assisting the AONB Unit in planning and trialing self-guided walks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional Opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Ranger – Carrying out regular site duties and providing information to visitors.</li> <li>• Events Volunteer – Representing the AONB at shows and events</li> <li>• Practical Task Volunteer – Carrying out practical conservation tasks.</li> <li>• Young Ranger Assistant – Assisting with activities for the AONB Young Ranger Programme.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Skills and abilities you will be using in your role:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An awareness and interest in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the work of the AONB partnership.</li> <li>• Good communication skills including the ability to effectively give information to groups in an outdoor setting.</li> <li>• Able to deal with people of all ages and backgrounds.</li> <li>• A willingness to learn.</li> <li>• A responsible attitude to health and safety and lone working.</li> <li>• Reasonable level of physical fitness.</li> <li>• Willingness to obtain First Aid at Work certificate (1 day course funded by the AONB).</li> <li>• Willingness to attend walk leader training (to be organised by the AONB).</li> </ul>
<p><b>What you will receive:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AONB Volunteer uniform.</li> <li>• Travel expenses (Maximum total claim of 40 miles@30p/mile).</li> <li>• Full induction to the role, regular volunteer meetings and specialist training as required.</li> <li>• Thank-You Events and opportunities to attend AONB Partnership events.</li> </ul>