

# Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	<b>Dormouse Footprint Survey Volunteer</b>
Volunteer Manager	<b>Hannah Batchelor</b>
Where you will be based	<b>Outdoors</b>

## Why we want you

We are looking for volunteers to help with undertaking a Dormouse Footprint Tunnel Survey across some of our reserves. As you cannot disturb a dormouse without a licence, we intend to use non-invasive footprint tunnels to access for their presence. Dormice have a very distinctive footprint compared to other small rodents. The process is simple but fairly labour intensive. Tunnels need to be checked every fortnight for at least three consecutive months and to apply fresh ink and replace cards with footprints.

Prior experience in dormice/small mammals/ footprints is helpful but not required - training in how to undertake the survey and footprint identification will be provided. All you need is the enthusiasm to go out regularly - and the drive to learn more about our wonderful local wildlife.

## What you will be doing

- Walking a transect and locating footprint tunnels, applying fresh ink and replacing cards
- Identifying small mammal footprints
- Liaison with volunteers and staff
- Passing on survey results to Avon Wildlife Trust staff

## The skills you need

- Basic small mammal footprint identification is a plus but not required
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to walk on uneven terrain

## What's in it for you

- Spending time on a wonderful nature reserve
- Improving small mammal identification
- Helping to improve our understanding of the dormouse's national distribution and conservation status