

## Volunteer Role Description

### **Role Title: Wild Whisby Dog Ambassador**

**Location: Whisby Nature Park,** Moor Lane, Thorpe-on-the-Hill, Lincoln, LN6 9BW

**Summary:** Do you enjoy walking your dog at Whisby Nature Park and want everyone to appreciate their time there? This role could be for you...

**Opportunity Type:** Warden/Ranger

**What is a Dog Ambassador?:** Our team of Dog Ambassadors are people enthusiastic about the wildlife of Whisby Nature Park, enjoy walking their dogs there and want visitors to enjoy their time on the reserve responsibly. Whilst exercising their dogs around the site they engage with members of the public about the wildlife onsite, and responsible practices for dog walking. Any site issues to be reported to the Warden team so everyone can enjoy their visit.

### **What's involved:**

Whisby Nature Park is a beautiful landscape near Lincoln, full of wildlife, walks and trails. It is visited by over 170,000 people each year. Due to the sensitive nature of the reserve, dogs are permitted on a short lead around most of the reserve, and off a lead around Thorpe lake only. It is important that the needs of the site, both its benefit for wildlife and people are respected and key messages are conveyed.

Whilst regularly walking your dog at Whisby you would:

- Be familiar with the principles underpinning the dog ambassador role in encouraging considerate behaviour by other dog owners at the site.
- Represent the Trust in an appropriate manner when on-site and inspiring others to support us by referring any visitors to further information.
- Reporting any damage, incidents and activities to the wardens or appropriate authority via regular reporting arrangements.
- Always acting in accordance with the risk assessment for the task provided.
- Adhering to the Volunteer Charter, policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Undertake appropriate in-house training appropriate to the role.

## **Who would this role suit?:**

### **Essential skills/experience:**

- An understanding of the balance between public and wildlife needs onsite.
- Familiarity with Whisby Nature Park.
- Sensible regard for health and safety.
- Understanding and support of the Wildlife Trust's principles of reserve management.
- Ability and availability to visit the site throughout the year.
- Ability to communicate effectively with the public.
- The ability to work within guidelines set by the Warden team.

### **Desirable skills/experience:**

- A genuine interest in conservation and wildlife.
- An affinity with and commitment to the aims of the Wildlife Trust

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

- You'll be fully trained.
- You'll get to learn about the site's wildlife and the work we do to promote it.
- Free car parking available on site.
- Branded clothing to wear whilst on site.
- Would suit applicants who live within a 15 minute commute of Whisby Nature Park/are regular dog walkers at the reserve.

## **Extra Information:**

**Commitment: Regular (weekly or more)**

**Duration: Ongoing**

**Role Subject to Safer Recruitment Processes? N**

**Application process: Application Form and informal interview**

**Closing Date: N/A**

**Interview Date: N/A**