

PRACTICAL CONSERVATION TASKS

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

2023 - 2024

Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers meet on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, to carry out a wide range of work that helps to maintain and improve conditions for wildlife to flourish in Wiltshire.

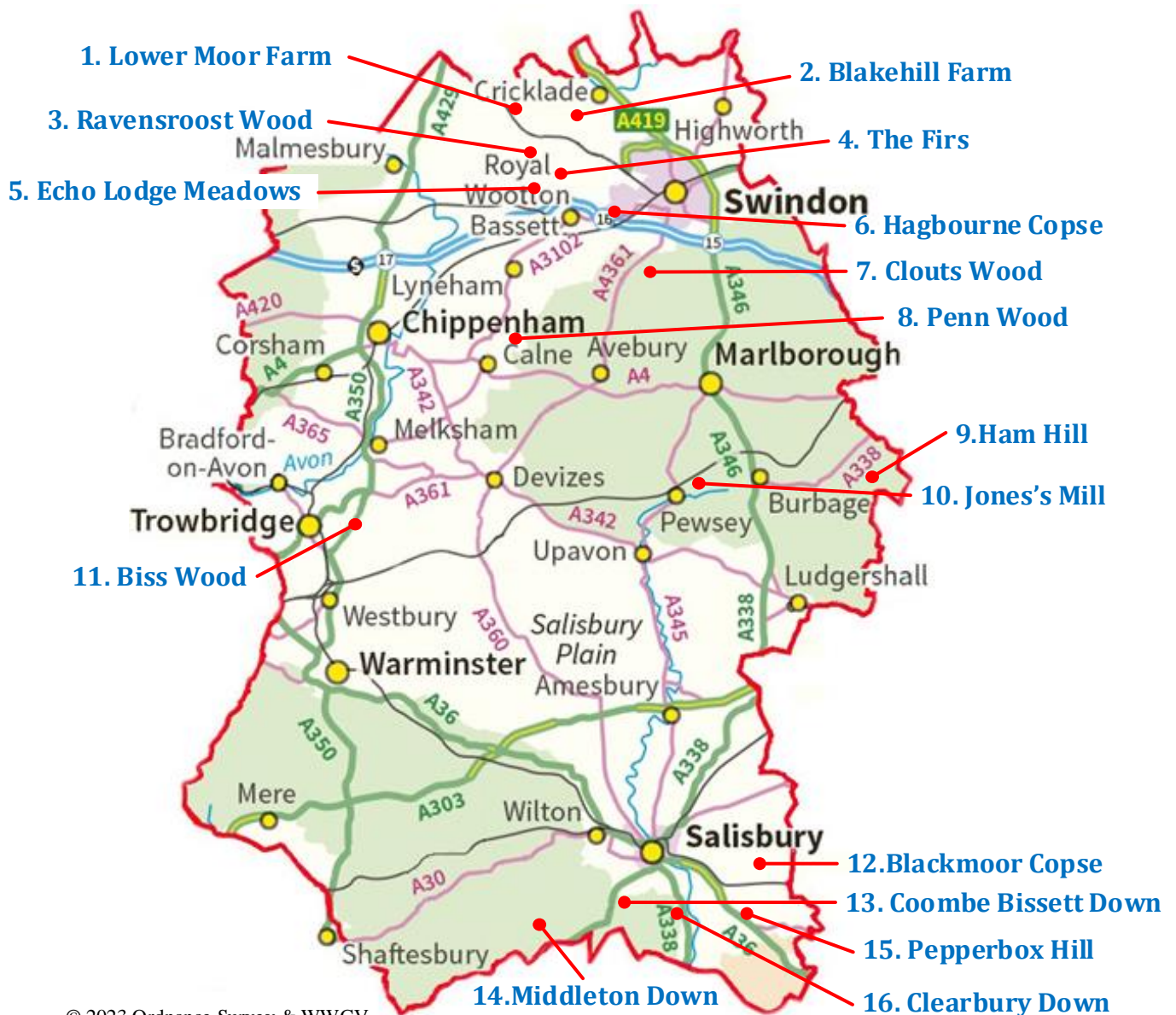
No previous practical experience is necessary. Just come along and we will provide the safety kit, tools and training required. You work at your own pace as slow or as fast as you like.

Tasks are open to anyone. They provide a great opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends and learn more about the management of the countryside.

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Website: <http://www.wwcv.co.uk>



- 1. LOWER MOOR FARM [WWT]** Malmesbury
Meeting place: SU007939
 From Oaksey go towards Somerford Keynes for about 1 mile, cross the railway line then about 75 metres after the S-bend the entrance is on right. From the A419 go over the crossroads and the entrance is 2.5 miles on the left. Park at the visitor centre.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 2. BLAKEHILL FARM [WWT]** Cricklade
Meeting place: SU073923
 Blakehill Farm is clearly signposted with brown signs before and at the turn. It is near the village of Leigh on the B4040 between Minety and Cricklade. From Cricklade drive about 1.3 miles from edge of town. The reserve entrance is on the left just before the road bends right. From Minety drive about 3.2 miles. The reserve entrance is on the right about 500m after leaving the village of Leigh.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 3. RAVENSROOST WOOD [WWT]** Malmesbury
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU023877
 The car park at the southern side of the wood.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 4. THE FIRS [WWT]** Royal Wootton Bassett
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU047864
 On the north side of Wood Lane running between the B4042 and B4606. Park on verge by the Entrance Gate.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 5. ECHO LODGE MEADOWS [WWT]** R. Wootton Bassett
Meeting place: SU039854
 Car park is at the end of track (bridleway) off Wood Lane. Wood Lane runs between B4042 and B4696. The track is ½ mile from B4042, just after a small bridge.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 6. HAGBOURNE COPSE [WWT]** Swindon
 Woodland Management **Meeting place:** SU105829
 From M4 junction 16 take A3102 towards Swindon. At 1st roundabout turn right into Ramsden Road. At next roundabout turn right into Frankland Road. Entrance located on right just before the T-junction. Some parking along Frankland Road.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 7. CLOUTS WOOD [WWT]** Wroughton
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU135800
 Meet at the lay-by on the A4361 Swindon to Avebury road just south of Wroughton. We will walk through the Markham Banks WWT reserve to reach the wood. The entrance track to Markham is 100m downhill from the lay-by.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 8. PENN WOOD [WWT]** Calne
 Path management **Meeting place:** SU012728
 From Calne town centre take Oxford road towards Swindon and turn right onto High Penn track (before the A3102 roundabout); from A3102 north of Calne, take the 'Town Centre Only' road at the roundabout, then turn left onto High Penn track, opposite the Tesco store, beside the new houses. Follow the track uphill to the car park.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 9. HAM HILL [WWT]** Hungerford
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU334616
 From the A338 Burbage to Hungerford road turn towards Shalbourne and Ham. Go through Ham heading south. The reserve is on the left side of the road around ¾ mile outside of the village. There should be room to park beside the reserve entrance; if not, there is more space at the top of the hill.
Leader: Laurie Lovelace 01672 564399
- 10. JONES'S MILL [WWT]** Pewsey
 Wetland Management **Meeting place:** SU170610
 From Pewsey centre, take the High Street (B3087) towards Milton Lilbourne and Burbage. Outside of Pewsey, turn left down Dursden Lane, just before a white cottage. Cross over the railway bridge and reserve entrance is on left with a small parking area.
Leader: Gary Wilson 01672 851048
- 11. BISS WOOD [WWT]** Trowbridge
 Woodland Management **Meeting place:** ST880566
 The entrance is on the West side of the A350, ½ mile north of West Ashton and opposite Castle Lodge.
Leader: Geoff Parsons 01225 774540
- 12. BLACKMOOR COPSE [WWT]** Salisbury
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU232289
 Southeast of Farley, from the junction with Livery Road go ¼ mile along Ben Lane, the gate into the reserve is on the right. Go through the gate and follow the gravel track to the end.
Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 13. COOMBE BISSETT DOWN [WWT]** Salisbury
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU112257
 From the A354 at Coombe Bissett turn south on to the Homington road. Turn right up Pennings Drove just before the Coombe Fellowship. The gate into the reserve is a short distance up the hill on the right.
Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 14. MIDDLETON DOWN [WWT]** Wilton
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU041254
 In Broad Chalke, turn down 'The Causeway' opposite the Queen's Head pub and the car park is 230 yards on the right, just after the bridge.
Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 15. PEPPERBOX HILL [NT]** Salisbury
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU211248
 Park in NT car park off A36 Salisbury to Southampton road, about 4 miles south of Salisbury.
Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 16. CLEARBURY DOWN [LE]** Salisbury
 Scrub Clearance **Meeting place:** SU145245
 From the A338 take the Nunton/Odstock Road. In Nunton, past the Radnor Arms, take the first left onto Nunton Drove. After 1.3 miles, turn right into the Yews Farm Grain Store and park on the left. The access to the site is along the track on the opposite side of the road.
Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236

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Information to remember about tasks

HEALTH	Please ensure you have up to date tetanus cover.
WHAT TO BRING	We provide safety kit, tools, strong gloves and training. All you need to bring is a packed lunch, plenty to drink (tasks last all day) and plenty of enthusiasm!
FOOTWEAR	We recommend Wellington boots or safety boots (ideally with steel toe caps) for most tasks, and walking boots or safety boots for working on steep downland sites.
TRANSPORT	If you would need a lift, please contact the Task Leader who may be able to arrange transport. We can help with your transport costs, but you need to claim for this.
AGE RANGE	WWCV tasks are open to all, but those under 18 MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult.
INSURANCE	Volunteers are covered by insurance.

Tasks normally start at 10:30 a.m. and finish around 3:30 p.m. depending on weather and progress.

All sites are Wiltshire Wildlife Trust unless suffixed: *NT* - National Trust, *LE* - Longford Estates

NORTH

1. Lower Moor Farm..... RA A 29th October B 25th February
Sundays
2. Blakehill Farm RA A 17th September B 10th March
Sundays
3. Ravensroost Wood..... RA A 15th October B 19th November C 17th December D 21st January
Sundays E 18th February F 17th March
4. The Firs RA A 22nd October B 11th February
Sundays
5. Echo Lodge Meadows..... RA A 23rd September B 28th January
Saturday/Sunday
6. Hagbourne Copse RA A 26th November B 24th March
Sundays
7. Clouts Wood..... RA A 1st October B 5th November C 3rd December D 7th January
Sundays E 4th February F 3rd March

CENTRAL

8. Penn Wood RA A 12th November B 10th December
Sundays
9. Ham Hill LL A 29th October B 14th January
Sundays
10. Jones's Mill..... GW A Every Wednesday from 6th September 2023 until the end of March 2024. Check
Wednesdays with the Task Leader for starting times.
11. Biss Wood..... GP A Every Wednesday from 27th September 2023 until April 2024. Check with the
Wednesdays Task Leader for starting times.

SOUTH

12. Blackmoor Copse..... RP A 30th September B 4th November C 2nd December D 6th January
Saturdays E 3rd February F 2nd March G First Tuesday of the month
13. Coombe Bissett Down..... RP A 23rd September B 21st October C 25th November D 9th March
Saturdays
14. Middleton Down RP A 7th October B 11th November C 9th December D 17th February
Saturdays
15. Pepperbox Hill (*NT*) RP A 14th October B 18th November C 27th January D 24th February
Saturdays E 16th March
16. Clearbury Down (*LE*).... RP A 28th October B 16th December C 10th February
Saturdays

Task Leaders

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Richard



Geoff



Laurie



Gary



Rod



Tony

Midweek Task Calendar

September	Tue	5	Blackmoor Copse	12G	January	Wed	3	Jones's Mill	10A
	Wed	6	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	3	Biss Wood	11A
	Wed	13	Biss Wood	11A		Tue	9	Blackmoor Copse	12G
	Wed	20	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	10	Jones's Mill	10A
	Wed	27	Jones's Mill	10A		Wed	10	Biss Wood	11A
	Wed	27	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	17	Jones's Mill	10A
October	Tue	3	Blackmoor Copse	12G	Wed	17	Biss Wood	11A	
	Wed	4	Jones's Mill	10A	Wed	24	Jones's Mill	10A	
	Wed	4	Biss Wood	11A	Wed	24	Biss Wood	11A	
	Wed	11	Jones's Mill	10A	Wed	31	Jones's Mill	10A	
	Wed	11	Biss Wood	11A	Wed	31	Biss Wood	11A	
	Wed	18	Jones's Mill	10A	February	Tue	6	Blackmoor Copse	12G
	Wed	18	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	7	Jones's Mill	10A
	Wed	25	Jones's Mill	10A		Wed	7	Biss Wood	11A
	Wed	25	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	14	Jones's Mill	10A
November	Wed	1	Jones's Mill	10A		Wed	14	Biss Wood	11A
	Wed	1	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	21	Jones's Mill	10A
	Tue	7	Blackmoor Copse	12G	Wed	21	Biss Wood	11A	
	Wed	8	Jones's Mill	10A	Wed	28	Jones's Mill	10A	
	Wed	8	Biss Wood	11A	Wed	28	Biss Wood	11A	
	Wed	15	Jones's Mill	10A	March	Tue	5	Blackmoor Copse	12G
	Wed	15	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	6	Jones's Mill	10A
	Wed	22	Jones's Mill	10A		Wed	6	Biss Wood	11A
	Wed	22	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	13	Jones's Mill	10A
	Wed	29	Jones's Mill	10A		Wed	13	Biss Wood	11A
Wed	29	Biss Wood	11A	Wed		20	Jones's Mill	10A	
December	Tue	5	Blackmoor Copse	12G	Wed	20	Biss Wood	11A	
	Wed	6	Jones's Mill	10A	Wed	27	Jones's Mill	10A	
	Wed	6	Biss Wood	11A	Wed	27	Biss Wood	11A	
	Wed	13	Jones's Mill	10A	April	Tue	2	Blackmoor Copse	12G
	Wed	13	Biss Wood	11A		Wed	3	Jones's Mill	10A
	Wed	20	Jones's Mill	10A		Wed	10	Jones's Mill	10A
Wed	20	Biss Wood	11A	Wed		17	Jones's Mill	10A	
May	Tue	7	Blackmoor Copse	12G	June	Tue	4	Blackmoor Copse	12G



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