

Friends of Spud Wood Volunteers' Task Information

- You should wear sturdy boots and bring gloves. You might also need to bring waterproofs and sun protection if the weather requires it. Please note that the Leader might cancel the task in the case of inclement weather.
- You may bring your own tools (hand tools only – none powered) if you wish, but they will only be used if considered suitable by the Leader.
- You will be given basic tools training and a safety briefing at the start of the task. You should be aware, however, that tasks are undertaken at the volunteer's own risk.
- Volunteers under the age of 18 require consent from a parent or guardian. They must also be accompanied by an adult who must be prepared to take responsibility for their actions.
- All adult volunteers are covered by Woodland Trust insurance whilst on site; details will be supplied on request.
- We strongly advise that your tetanus protection is up-to-date.

On site safety information – important, please read carefully

- Inform the Leader for the day if you need to leave the project site and report any accidents, illness or discomfort to the Leader immediately.
- Do not attempt a task if you are not confident that you know what to do. Raise any queries with the Leader.
- Use only tools which are in good condition and appropriate for the task.
- Make sure you are working a reasonable distance away from other volunteers and warn them if you are cutting overhead branches or felling.
- Wear gloves at all times when handling thorny material. Remove blackthorn thorns immediately, seeking medical help if necessary.
- You should familiarise yourself with terrain of wood. You will not be expected to attempt to access unsuitable areas but you should be aware of and consider slopes, path surfaces, steps, slippery areas and other possible trip hazards.
- Avoid picking up litter unless instructed to and provided with appropriate equipment and protective clothing.
- Wash your hands in warm soapy water on completion of your work.



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