

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY



Name of Project – Volunteer Guides to lead Education Walks
Brief summary of the Task - and why it is important to the NPA To lead walks and introductory tours for visiting school groups. These will be principally Primary Schools and have a general, introductory feel rather than relying on very specific knowledge. Thus, a broad understanding of Dartmoor’s habitats, wildlife and cultural heritage is all that is required along with an enjoyment of Dartmoor’s special qualities...and the willingness and enthusiasm to share these with others.
Timescale and Location Throughout the year – depending on qualifications. Locations across the moor to suit your travel and school bookings.
Skills and Experience Guides must hold a minimum of the South West Moorland Leader Training Scheme (SWMLTS) -Summer Moorland Leader Award level for walks in the Summer (April - September) and the winter level qualification for any winter walking (October – March). Walking Group Leader, Mountain Leader qualifications and above are very welcome! A further requirement is that you hold a current 2 day first aid in the outdoors certificate. Guides must be confident as a leader, be able to work well with young people of all ages, enjoy sharing their knowledge with them, and be capable of dealing with any problems which may arise during a walk. The ability to communicate effectively with people of different ages and from different backgrounds is essential. Guides are also expected to have a sound knowledge of Dartmoor - its prehistory, industrial archaeology and natural history as well as an understanding of the purposes of National Parks generally and the policies of the Dartmoor National Park Authority. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be necessary.
Suitable For Anyone with an interest in National Park who enjoys engaging and sharing information with young people. You will gain experience working alongside National Park staff and other volunteers.
Equipment Required Use of own transport is essential as there is no, or very limited public transport. Full ‘outdoor wear’ suitable for leading groups in the outdoors. We will provide emergency First Aid Kits.

Training and induction

You will need to attend a 1 day training course about the National Park; this initial induction training will also cover any health and safety and other relevant policies. Specific training for leading Education Walks will be through work shadowing with qualified Guides.

Contact details

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