

A Wild Day Out



Conservation volunteering for corporate teams at Glenlude, in the Scottish Borders

Contribute to the restoration and conservation of a special wild place.

Nestled in the Scottish Borders, around 50 minutes from Edinburgh, Glenlude offers a hands-on experience where your team can step away from the office, reconnect with nature, and make a tangible impact on climate change and biodiversity.

All our activities are sociable and enable team bonding. From tree planting and maintenance to seed gathering and learning about habitat restoration from our experts, every activity will contribute towards restoring a thriving ecosystem.

Your team can help transform an old sheep farm and conifer plantation into a diverse native woodland with glades and meadows, confident that their conservation efforts are authentic and impactful. You'll also be able to track the progress of this wild place for years to come—and perhaps even return to see for yourself!



What we offer

Tree planting (October to April)

Your team can plant trees at Glenlude that will be cared for through the generations

Tree maintenance (all year round)

This is a great activity to ensure the survival of young trees that will grow to sequester carbon. You will learn about the maintenance of specific trees and check them for signs of health, retube, re-stake, and undertake other nurturing activities that will strengthen the trees. Tree species include birch, oak, rowan, aspen, holly, hazel and more.

Ranger-led walk (all year round)

Explore the Glenlude site and learn about its unique habitat, our conservation work and our future plans. Since 2014, the number of bird species has doubled in the area thanks to the hard work of our staff and volunteers who have created habitat to support woodland birds.

Polytunnel conservation work (all year round)

Sample activities include propagating seeds, cutting mesh, a potting workshop, weeding and preparing plant pots for seeds and their germination.

A typical conservation volunteering day schedule

10:00am – Meet in the car park

10:15am to 11:00am – Welcome talk at the Glenlude Hut

Enjoy tea and coffee while our team introduces Glenlude's unique biodiversity.

11:00am to 1:00pm – Conservation activity

Join us for a hands-on activity such as tree planting or a ranger-led walk.

1:00pm to 2:00pm – Lunch

Take a well-earned break and enjoy your lunch in the heart of nature.

2:00pm to 3:00pm – Additional conservation work

Continue supporting our efforts with another round of meaningful activity.

3:00pm to 4:00pm – Tool collection and reflection

Return tools, warm up with a hot drink, and reflect on the day. We'll also have a short discussion about the lasting impact of your contribution.

4:00pm – Departure

We'll provide a full kit list, logistical information, risk assessments, and a tailored plan for your visit.

What's included

- ✓ PPE, hand cleaning, and composting toilet facilities
- ✓ Tools and equipment for the conservation work
- ✓ Use of the hut and wood burning stove
- ✓ Hot drinks and cake



What to bring

- ✓ Outdoor clothing and footwear suitable for variable conditions
- ✓ Sturdy, waterproof boots
- ✓ Warm layers – the weather can change quickly
- ✓ Waterproof jacket and trousers
- ✓ Sun hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses
- ✓ Drinking water – at least 1 litre per person
- ✓ Lunch – please bring your own food for the day
- ✓ Chargers or power banks – the site is off-grid
- ✓ Bottled water – there is no running water on-site

Transport

- ✓ Please consider carpooling where possible to reduce carbon emissions.
- ✓ Parking is limited to 8 medium-sized vehicles.

Get in touch to find out how to join us at Glenlude for a truly rewarding corporate volunteering experience that benefits both your team and the environment. To find out more and book your bespoke corporate volunteering day contact us at fundraising@johnmuirtrust.org