



VOLUNTEER IN YOUR LOCAL PARK FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2019

To celebrate ELBA's 30th birthday and World Environment Day, we want to get as many people as possible volunteering to support the east London parks. Parks provide a green space for people to keep fit, unwind and take their children. They also provide a habitat for wildlife and a home for a variety of plants, as well as promoting sustainability to the local community with spaces to grow their own produce and educate children on health and wellbeing. This is especially important as many residents in east London live in flats with no access to garden areas.

On Wednesday 5th June, there are a variety of opportunities that your team could join in with across the east London boroughs. Depending on your team size, you may be joining volunteers from other companies. Check out where you could volunteer below:

Clissold Park

Clissold Park is one of Hackney's best loved traditional parks. The park has a rich history and was opened in 1889, celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2014. The park has over 3 million visitors a year and is home to a small herd of fallow deer. The park is crowned by Clissold House, a grade 2 listed mansion house, which plays host to a wide range of events and activities, as well as providing a home for the park's café.

Volunteering opportunity: Volunteers will be supporting with a number of key tasks around the park to help improve and maintain the facilities for its users. This could include rubbing down and repainting benches and bins; edging off pathways to give paths a clean edge; turning over growing beds; cutting back shrubs; creating stag beetle loggers and dead hedges to support and maintain the biodiversity of the site. These tasks, although small sounding, have a big impact on those that use the park.

Address: Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 9HJ

Volunteer capacity: Up to 50

Cost: £30 per head



Victoria Park

Victoria Park is one of London's most important historic parks and its oldest public park, visited by millions of Londoners for nearly 170 years as a place of healthy recreation, sports, play and relaxation. The park is the largest in Tower Hamlets at 86.18 hectares and has one of the highest visitor numbers of all the London parks with around 9 million visits per year. A wide range of attractions include three lakes, two fantastic playgrounds, several historic monuments in addition to this formal and informal sports, sponsored activities, events and festivals take place throughout the year. The park was voted the nation's favourite park in 2015, coming first place in the People's Choice Award, and retained its Green Flag and Heritage Awards in 2018.

Volunteer Opportunity: With increasing popularity and thousands more visitors each year, Victoria Park is in need of regular support with maintenance and repair work. The project will be focused around gardening, general maintenance and possibly painting. Previous activities have included creating a woodland walk, planting the borders at Burdett's Court, maintaining the running track, and removing invasive species of plants.

Address: Victoria Park, corner of Old Ford Road, Grove Road, London E9 7DE

Volunteer Capacity: Up to 100

Cost: £30 per head



Leyton Jubilee Park

Waltham Forest Council are committed to giving the community access to better leisure facilities and making the borough an even better place to live. As part of these plans they have brought Ive Farm sports ground and Marsh Lane Playing Fields together to create Leyton Jubilee Park, named to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They have invested heavily in the park installing a spectacular pirate ship for 3+, an outdoor gym, natural play equipment, play areas, football pitches, basketball court and pavilion.

Volunteer opportunity: In the park, there is a large ecology area that is completely overgrown; therefore it is not well used by the public. They need volunteers to help maintain the overgrown site by cutting back bramble, trees and weeding. There is also scope in the near future to create pathways and build habitat piles. By doing this, the area will become safer which will encourage local and wider communities to use it more, as well as local schools for outdoor learning.

Address: Leyton Jubilee Park, Marsh Lane, E10 7BL

Volunteer capacity: Up to 80

Cost: £20 per head



Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

Volunteers should not be put off by the name. This park is a beautiful wooded area that has a huge range of wildlife habitats and diverse ecology. It is 33 acres of "managed" mature, broad-leaved woodland and meadow. It is also an educational resource to 7000+ school children every academic year who use the Park as an outdoor classroom.

Volunteer Opportunity: Throughout the year there is a constant need for practical volunteers to help the Friends in their endeavours. You'll take part in one or two of a huge range of seasonal nature conservation projects to support the Friends' work to rehabilitate the nature reserve and create a home for wildlife, people and education. Typical tasks may be: Ivy stripping (all year round), clearing and improving pathways, cutting non-native trees, rubbish clearance, planting trees and wildflowers' and sowing wildflower seeds.

Address: Southern Grove, London E3 4PX

Volunteer Capacity: Up to 60

Cost: £30 per head



West Ham Park

West Ham Park is the largest park in the London Borough of Newham. The Park boasts a seven-acre ornamental garden with meandering paths leading to a variety of horticultural splendours that reflect different periods in the Park's history and development. Sports facilities include football pitches, one of only two grass cricket wickets in Newham, cricket practice nets, outdoor gym equipment, tennis courts, running tracks and a softball area. Serving a multi-cultural local population, visitors of the Park feel welcome and safe. West Ham Park receives over 1.3 million visitors and is situated in a primarily residential area in one of the most deprived communities in the UK.

Volunteer Opportunity: The project will be focused around gardening, general maintenance and horticulture based projects. These include: hedge planting, bulb planting, mulching, weeding and tasks focusing on bio-diversity and improving plant/tree growth. Maintenance and improvement works to the park will make a huge impact on the community it serves. It also provides a welcoming and exciting outdoor environment for users in the community to enjoy on a continuous basis.

Address: West Ham Park, Upton Lane, London, E7 9PU

Volunteer Capacity: Up to 20

Cost: £25 per head

