

## Volunteer – Dragonfly Ambassador

We are looking for Volunteers who are interested in identifying and recording dragonflies, and monitoring habitat condition, specifically ponds. Training will be provided to help identification skills, and use of biological recording apps: iRecord and Survey123.

Dragonfly monitoring has strong existing survey methodology already available and are good indicators of freshwater habitat quality as they require habitats with good insect numbers for hunting.

This role includes recording when out and about in the National Park on your own walks, as well as the opportunity to record on sites off the beaten track where there are gaps in dragonfly data.

These surveys add valuable habitat data over a wider area and longer time period and is used to better inform and support land management plans.

All volunteers are expected to adhere to South Downs National Park Authority volunteer policies and procedures.

Volunteers are key ambassadors and play an important role in supporting the SDNPA in fulfilling our purposes 1: To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.

Purpose 2: To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.

The SDNPA is an inclusive organisation and we welcome applications from everyone irrespective of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, faith and religion, disability and age.

### **Compulsory Training:**

Lone working; water safety, dragonfly identification; use of iRecord and Survey 123 apps/software.

### **Equipment Provided:**

FSC Identification guides  
SDNPA ID name badge

Dragonfly ID and pond survey training will take place on **6<sup>th</sup> May in Southease (East Sussex)**

**Transport:** The ability to access a designated site either through public transport or in your own vehicle will be necessary in this role.

### **Responsible to:**

Assistant Rangers:  
Volunteer Team

### **Preferred/Est. Hours:**

Flexible within spring and summer



**Role Description:**

- Identify and record dragonflies
- Habitat condition surveys (specifically pond) within the National Park
- Help fill in data gaps for dragonfly recording in the SDNP
- Encourage others to identify and record dragonflies

**What we would like from you:**

- Interest in dragonflies
- Interest in biological recording
- Comfortable using technology (your own smart phone) for data collection
- Willingness to spend time in the countryside recording dragonflies and the condition of the ponds they inhabit
- Comfortable with undertaking lone working
- Level of physical fitness that will allow you to walk and stand for periods of time in the outdoors
- Ability to communicate well and treat everyone with dignity and respect, including other volunteers, SDNPA staff and members of the public
- Ability to adhere to all SDNPA volunteering policies and procedures
- Ability to adhere to Health & Safety policies and procedures
- Specialist skills and experience relating to tasks are welcomed

No previous knowledge or experience is required, just an enthusiasm to learn new skills & a commitment to improving biodiversity and knowledge within the National Park.

