

Volunteer Role Summary

Are you passionate about gardening? Help us care for the newly redesigned kitchen garden at Dean Castle. Dean Castle was the home and stronghold of the Boyd family for over 400 years. The Castle has recently undergone a restoration project costing £5.2million and will reopen to the public on 1 April 2023. The kitchen garden was originally restored by the Howard de Walden family and has recently been replanted as part of the HLF restoration.

What's involved in being a Kitchen Garden Volunteer?

- Carry out basic gardening tasks such as pruning, watering and weeding and box hedge maintenance.
- Engage with visitors if required about the plants, vegetables and flowers that would have been used in a traditional kitchen garden.
- Meet new people from all walks of life.
- Work with our grounds staff and Ayrshire College to keep the garden tidy and attractive for visitors.

What will be expected of you in this role?

This role will be suitable for you, if you are;

- Available weekly for 3 hours from May-September. Days of attendance can be flexible to suit.
- Keen to learn or have some gardening experience.
- Happy in the outdoors – in all weathers!

Additional Information

- We will help you get to know Dean Castle Country Park, how you can help and how you will work with the rest of the team.
- Full training and induction will be provided and a volunteer supervisor will support you in your role.
- We provide equipment to help you do this role well and safely.
- Some manual handling and bending/working at low levels will be required in this role.
- A volunteer supervisor will check in regularly with this role, however volunteers will be expected to carry out day to day duties unsupervised.
- No references are required for this role, applicants will be expected to complete a Criminal Convictions Declaration Form.

Find out more

Contact EALvolunteering@Eastayrshireleisure.com for more information and an application pack.



Kitchen Garden Volunteer

Dean Castle Country Park, Kilmarnock

Recruitment Process

- Contact EALvolunteering@Eastayrshireleisure.com
- Take part in an informal interview with this role's volunteer supervisor.
- If you and the volunteer supervisor agree that this role is suitable for you, fill out an Application Form and any other associated paperwork.
- EAL will contact your references and carry out any Disclosure checks necessary.

