

# Conservation Grazing Cattle Checking Skills for Volunteers



## At a glance...

### Training (Only)

Delivery Method: Classroom and practical

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## Introduction

This three-hour course covers the basics of checking cattle undertaking conservation grazing projects, including an overview of health and safety, cattle welfare and geofencing technology

## Overview in brief

***This Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.***

The minimum age to undertake this course is 18.

This course, designed for volunteers undertaking regular welfare checks on cattle, gives learners the knowledge they need to undertake cattle welfare checks effectively and safely.

The course will cover a basic overview of the five freedoms of animal welfare, and the most common health and welfare concerns effecting cattle. The course also trains volunteers on how to undertake checks safely, provides a basic overview of how conservation grazing works and provides information on the technology used in



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conservation grazing projects, particularly geofencing collars.



## The finer details

The course sessions include:

- What is conservation grazing (including the role of large herbivores in ecosystem management, biodiversity impacts and implementation of conservation grazing).
- The volunteer role (including what the role includes, staying safe and procedures & processes).
- Cattle welfare checking (including the five freedoms and animal welfare act, how to check cattle and what to look out for).
- Geo-fencing technology (including why it's used and how it works).
- Site walk-through (including geo-fencing technology in action and a practical demonstration of cattle checking).

### 4. Cattle welfare checking - 30mins

#### a. The Five Freedoms and the Animal Welfare Act 2006

##### i. Checking water, signage, fences/obstructions

##### b. How to check cattle effectively

##### c. What to look out for on a check

##### i. Body condition

##### ii. Eyes, ears, nose, mouth

##### iii. Skin, coat

##### iv. Hooves, legs

##### v. Sheaths, udders, tails, anus, vulva

##### vi. Behaviour

### 5. Geo-fencing collars (and other technology) - 15mins

#### a. Why we use geo-fencing





- b. How it works
- c. Accessing the online grazing map to locate the cattle (practical task)

6. Any questions, and further reading - 10 mins

Second section, to be delivered on site with cattle (at a nearby conservation grazing site in active use by Grazing Management Ltd cattle) (1hr 20, including travel time)

1. Walk through the site and review classroom content:

- NoFence in action – using the public map to locate the cattle
- Undertaking a check safely
- What to look out for

### Who should attend?

Anyone volunteering on a conservation grazing project which uses cattle and NoFence collars.

### What will be covered?

By the end of the course, learners will have a basic understanding of:

- What healthy cattle look like, and what the most common health and welfare issue are
- What conservation grazing is, and how cattle fit into the ecosystem
- How to stay safe while checking cattle
- Basic understanding of how the technology fits into the system

