



Great crested newt pond creation / restoration – initial eligibility checklist

Thank you for your interest in looking to either restore or create a pond on your land for great crested newts (GCN). To help assess initial eligibility, please complete this form in full, attach and return to info@ywt.org.uk at your earliest convenience and one of the team will be in touch with details of next steps.

Please note the subject of your email should read “GCN pond creation / restoration opportunities – [INSERT THE NAME OF YOUR SITE HERE]” to allow us to separate out individual enquiries.

Additionally, please where possible also include a map of your landholdings with all potential ponds clearly marked.

Considerations before applying

When we assess suitability, we look at a number of criteria some of which are listed below. You may find it helpful to consider some of these before submitting your proposal.

- The minimum and optimum size of each pond is 100m².
- It must be within 500m of another existing pond.
- Ground conditions need to be such that the pond will hold water a minimum of one summer in every three (please note that ponds requiring liners are **not** normally funded).
- The location should be within 50m of suitable terrestrial habitat (taller grasses, scrub, woodland or hedgerows).
- If in a grazed landscape or where disturbance could occur any ponds would need to be fenced (this can be included in the funding) by a minimum 3m buffer zone.
- The pond must be in an area not likely to be polluted by runoff.
- Chosen locality should not be liable to flood or be at risk of suffering ingress by fish or excessive use by wildfowl.
- Any area chosen must not be contaminated by invasive non-native species (e.g. Himalayan Balsam or *Crassula helmsii*).
- Any site must sit within one of our Strategic Opportunity Areas (SOAs) – NOTE that YWT will check this on your behalf on receipt of this returned form.
- Restorations ONLY – all ponds put forward must be in late successional stages (choked with vegetation), devoid of water or covered in a thick layer of anaerobic sediment.

Landowner details (please complete)

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| Name: | |
| Correspondence address (must include postcode): | |
| Telephone: | |
| Email: | |
| I confirm that as the landowner or their representative I have authority to authorise on site works agreed in the future | Yes / No (please delete) |

Site details (please complete)

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| Site name: | |
| Full address of site (if same as correspondence address leave blank) | |
| Postcode of site: | |
| District site is located in: | Ryedale, Scarborough, Hambleton, York, Selby, Harrogate, Wakefield, Leeds, Craven, Richmondshire (please delete) |

Pond details (please complete for each pond)

Please provide the following details for all ponds to wish to be considered for (creation and restoration). This can be an estimate. Preference will be given to sites where it is possible to create or restore between two and six ponds in the local area.

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| Pond one | |
| Is this a creation or restoration? | |
| If a restoration what are the current approximate dimensions of the pond? | |
| If a creation , is there space for the pond to be a minimum 100m ² ? | |
| Please provide a 10-figure grid reference for the pond | |
| Please insert below two photographs of the pond (or proposed location). One photo should be a close up of the area and the second showing the location within the wider landscape. | |
| Photograph 1 | |
| Photograph 2 | |

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| Pond two | |
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| Pond three | |
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| Pond four | |
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| Pond five | |
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| Pond six | |
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Next steps

After initial assessment someone will be in touch to let you know the outcome and if your site appears suitable. If it is, this would then be followed up with a site visit to ground truth the area.

Please note that due to staff capacity and volume of enquiries we are unable to undertake site visits to assess suitability before the information in this form is returned or if your site turns out to be unsuitable based on this initial check.

Once your information has been returned, we aim to reply within 20 working days. Currently, we are assessing sites for work in autumn 2021 onwards however, if we are able to progress projects sooner, we will be in touch to discuss on a case by case basis.

Thank you for your time.