



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Arctic Adventure Researcher

Why do we need you?

We are offering a unique immersive experience at our Arctic Adventure exhibit. Visitors will find themselves transported straight into the wilderness of the Russian Tundra, and we need in-character researchers to bring the exhibit to life and guide visitors around the research hut. Arctic Adventure Researchers will deliver an authentic, educational and memorable experience for visitors.

At WWT we believe that the best way for people to understand and connect to wetlands is to experience them, so we bring awe-inspiring nature up close and let it do the talking. At Slimbridge Wetland Centre visitors can explore unique wetland habitats and the amazing array of birds, mammals and amphibians that inhabit them. Our volunteers help to welcome and inspire visitors, and look after our unique habitats and heritage.

Who will be responsible for your role? Visitor Experience Officer

Where will you be based? WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

How much time will it take? Weekends and school holidays for a morning (10am-1pm) and/or afternoon (1pm-4pm)

What will you be doing?

- Acting in the role of a WWT researcher working out on the Russian Tundra
- Being situated at the Research Hut in the Arctic Adventure exhibit
- Providing visitors with an insight into what life is like as a researcher
- Engaging visitors with the Arctic Adventure exhibit
- Running guided activities for the public: leg ring ID, bird tracking and diet analysis
- Dressing authentically as a researcher (waders, full waterproofs, camouflage)

Who are we looking for?

This role will suit you if you:

- Enjoy performing and being in-character in front of visitors
- Have good improvisation and interaction skills
- Are confident and pro-active in approaching people
- Have an enthusiastic and friendly manner
- Enjoy working with a range of ages
- Have an interest in the natural environment
- Like working in a busy visitor environment

How will you benefit?

- Volunteer in an inspiring environment and get closer to nature
- Great way to learn new skills
- Make a real contribution to the conservation work of WWT
- Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge
- Discount in WWT shops and cafes
- WWT uniform provided
- Induction and training provided

General notes:

Getting to the Centre: Road: Slimbridge Wetland Centre is 2 miles off the A38. There is a large car park with ample car parking spaces and there is a bike rack available for staff volunteers. Rail: Cam & Dursley rail station is a 3.5 mile cycle or taxi ride away. Bus: Unfortunately there is no bus service directly to Slimbridge: the nearest services stop is at the A38, 2 miles walk from the Centre. New for 2019: we are trialling a free minibus service for volunteers to/from the nearest train station and bus stops. Please ask your line manager if you would like to access this service.

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred in travelling to and from the centre, but any pre-agreed expenses incurred in the course of your duties will be reimbursed.

This position is entirely voluntary and is therefore unpaid. Any offer of a volunteer placement is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and any agreement may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

How to Apply:

Full details of this role and an online application form can be found at www.wwt.org.uk/volunteer . If you have any problems locating the information or filling out the application form please email volunteer.slimbridge@wwt.org.uk

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