



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Scott House Guide

Why do we need you?

Sir Peter Scott's house will open to the public for the first time, in September 2019. The house will be set as it was during Sir Peter's lifetime, and visitors will mainly be given access via guided tours. The house is full of pictures, books, artefacts and furnishings which were part of the Scott family's daily life. We are looking for volunteers to lead guided tours for visitors, bringing to life key objects from the house and sharing stories about the extraordinary life of Sir Peter Scott.

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? Curator, Scott House

Where will you be based? WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

How much time will it take? A half or full day, 10am - 1pm or 1 - 4pm. In order to keep the material fresh in your mind, you will need to commit to a minimum of one day per month. In order to get the most mutual benefit, we hope that you will be able to commit for a minimum of six months.

What will you be doing?

- Providing a warm, friendly welcome to all visitors as part of the public face of WWT
- Learning about Sir Peter Scott and his family, Scott House, and the collection in each room
- Leading and supporting guided tours and enthusing visitors with the stories of the house and Peter Scott's conservation legacy
- Answering visitors' questions
- Listening to visitors and focusing on their needs
- Assisting with opening and closing the house, including a small amount of cleaning
- Helping to protect interiors and collections from damage during open hours and following security procedures to prevent theft or damage
- Being responsible for the evacuation of visitors in an emergency

Who are we looking for?

This role will suit you if you:

- Have an enthusiastic, friendly manner
- Are confident and engaging in speaking to groups
- Are keen and willing to learn new material

- Are interested in heritage and have a respect for historic objects

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
- Become part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meet like-minded people
- Be trained in a specialised skill that is transferable to other museums and historic houses

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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