



WWT Wetlands for life

Practical Reserve Management Placements at WWT

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust has several placement opportunities for 2021-22 on the reserves management team. Placements can be based at one of eight beautiful WWT wetland sites around the UK and will offer applicants a range of practical experiences in wetland management, species monitoring and visitor services. These posts would suit those who enjoy being part of small enthusiastic teams, have a good variety of skills, and love being outdoors.

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust is one of the UK's leading conservation organisations in wetland ecology with a long history of managing wetland sites and conducting research and re-introduction programmes in the UK. Our reserves are exciting places to be throughout the year. Large flocks of shoveler, wigeon and golden plover can be seen each winter, alongside the thousands of swans, and the reed fringes are a good place to spot wintering bitterns or otters. While in summer waders such as redshank and lapwing nest in the grasslands and dragonflies cruise the waterways. Water voles are a common sight in spring and summer and there's always a variety of reptiles and amphibians.

While successful candidates will need to commit to volunteer for the Trust for 52 weeks, volunteering for approximately 37.5 hours per week, which may include weekends, there will be excellent opportunities to develop useful skills for the UK job market in areas of ecology, conservation and reserves management. A training package relevant to the role and WWT site will be given, which may include training in some or all of the following: use of brushcutters, tractors, pedestrian mowers and ATVs, safe hand tool use, risk assessments, wildlife ID and survey, data handling and recording and customer service. Volunteers are entitled to 25 days holiday during their placement. If volunteering as a student placement, you will be able to carry out your own research project if required by your university as part of your assessment, supported by friendly WWT staff with significant experience in their field. Although the placements will be unpaid, accommodation can be provided at some locations. Please note that all volunteer roles have an associated Risk Assessment and these are being regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any guidelines or restrictions imposed as part of ongoing measures for the Covid-19 pandemic. Full risk assessments for WWT can be provided on request.

For more information, and to apply for the role, please visit

<http://www.wwt.org.uk/placements>

Closing date for applications is Monday 16th November 2020.

Interviews will be held on the week commencing the 30th November 2020.