



WWT Wetlands for life

Practical Reserve Management Placements at WWT

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust has several placement opportunities for 2022-23 on the Reserves Management team. Placements will be based at one of the 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 organizations in wetland ecology with a long history of managing wetland sites, monitoring and conducting research on wetland habitats and species, and undertaking re-introduction programmes in the UK. Our reserves are exciting places to be throughout the year. The wildlife you'll see and work to support will vary by location and season but whether it's thousands of waders, ducks or swans or amazing views of bittern and otter, it's great to know that the work you're doing on your placement makes a difference.

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 and local travel expenses to and from sites without accommodation can be reimbursed. 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 Sunday 27th February 2022.

Interviews will be held from mid-March.