



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Maintenance – Lead Carpenter

Why do we need you?

At WWT we believe 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 our wetland centres we shape unforgettable experiences for our visitors to engage with wetland wildlife and learn more about our pioneering work to conserve wetlands and save species around the world.

Maintaining and developing an award winning wetland centre requires a lot of practical physical work to keep the centre looking in excellent condition, so we can continue to provide our visitors with a great day out and showcase our work to save wetlands for wildlife and people.

In this role you will be providing regular support to the Reserve and Grounds teams undertaking a range of hands on practical carpentry tasks, playing a vital part in managing the site.

Who will be responsible for your role?

Reserve Manager

Where will you be based?

WWT Arundel Wetland Centre

How much time will it take?

Ideally two days a week

8:00am – 4:00pm

We will mutually agree the hours that you can contribute and it would be helpful if you could try to give us as much notice as possible on the occasions when you are not able to contribute those hours

What will you be doing?

- General maintenance of facilities, buildings and hides
- Repairing and building timber fences, gates, barriers, signage, benches and other wood work
- Making bird and mammals nest boxes, tern rafts.
- Painting of metalwork and timberwork with appropriate preservatives
- Exhibit maintenance
- Cleaning and maintenance of workshop and tools
- Keeping up to date with WWT news

Who are we looking for?

In order to carry out this role, you will need to be / have:

- Prepared to be hands on and enthusiastic for completing practical tasks
- Experience in carpentry or ideally relevant qualifications
- Friendly, patient and dependable
- Physically fit and happy to work outdoors in all weathers
- Capable of working as part of a team and on your own
- An excellent ability to communicate effectively with staff and other volunteers
- Confidence to engage our visitors with the work of WWT

How will you benefit?

- Be part of a friendly and dedicated team of staff and volunteers
- Meet people from all walks of life and make new friends
- Get some exercise outdoors in fresh air
- Great personal satisfaction, since you have the opportunity to make a real difference to our visitors' experience and enjoyment at our centre
- An induction will be provided as well as other appropriate training opportunities
- Suitable uniform and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided (if required for tasks)
- A discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering

General notes

We regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred for travel to the site.

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.

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