
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: **Handyperson**

Why do we need you?

You will provide valuable support to the Facilities Team in maintaining a great environment for visitors to come to and our staff to work in. As with managing any property, tasks are very varied, moving, cleaning, painting, carpentry, and depending on experience plumbing and electrical work skills are needed.

Tasks in Facilities are very varied and will take you all over the site, the grounds and more often behind the scenes. For anyone who is a professional tradesperson to someone who enjoys DIY, or just likes a tidy house, there is always a demand for your skills in the stunning environment of WWT Slimbridge.

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? Facilities Technician

Where will you be based? WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

How much time will it take? A minimum of half a day although a full day can be beneficial to completing tasks. Preferred attendance is weekly although fortnightly or on an ad hoc basis when jobs come up can be accommodated.

What will you be doing?

- Providing an extra pair of hands to support others in the team
- Painting & decorating, restoring benches
- Cleaning, gutters and gullies, sweeping up leaves
- Putting up /taking down signs
- Changing lamps
- Miscellaneous DIY type jobs

Who are we looking for?

This role will suit you if you:

- Are pro-active
- Have an enthusiastic and friendly manner
- Have an interest in the natural environment

- Happy working alone or in a team
- Like seeing jobs through
- Enjoy coming up with practical solutions to problems

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

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.

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.

Interested?

If you are interested in this role, please complete an application form so that we can talk it through further with you.

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