

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** **Vehicle & Machinery Maintenance**

**Why volunteer with us?**

We’re WWT, the charity for wetlands and wildlife. We’re on a mission to restore wetlands because they are a wondrous solution to our world's problems. Together we will unlock their power – and help nature burst back to life. Because when wetlands flourish, all life will flourish. We lead the way, bring life and inspire connection. Our main values enrich our community:

* By restoring our wonderful wetlands we gain deeper connections
* By inspiring future volunteers we will inspire others to value, act and benefit from wetlands
* To Thrive! We believe our volunteers will thrive in making WWT a more sustainable and inclusive organisation.

**Why do we need you?**

Volunteers are integral to the running of the beautiful WWT Arundel Wetland Centre, an award-winning site for accessible and inclusive tourism. Our volunteer team are friendly, motivated and hard-working and say they benefit by gaining new experiences, meeting new people and most importantly making a difference by helping maintain important wetland habitat.

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. To help us maintain this special area, we need a variety of vehicles and pieces of equipment to help us in our work. This all needs regular maintenance and repair in order for our resources be used to their maximum potential.

**Wetlands for the win!**

Looking for valuable work experience to gain relevant skills or want to spend more time outdoors? Or both? Look no further - a volunteering position with us plays a crucial role in saving wetlands for wildlife and people as well as:

* Being part of a volunteering experience in an inspiring environment and getting closer to nature
* Making a real contribution to the conservation work of WWT
* Learning new, transferable skills and being part of an inclusive volunteering experience
* Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
* Gaining free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge, and enjoying a great discount in WWT shops and cafes
* You will be provided with a WWT uniform and receive full induction and training for your role

**This role involves:**

* maintenance of a range of powered machines including hedge trimmers, strimmers, blowers and lawn mowers;
* year-round maintenance of Arundel’s vehicles, including a works van, two compact tractors and a ride-on lawnmower;
* ensuring that routine maintenance is carried out on these vehicles;
* communicating with your manager on any necessary purchases for repairs/ or maintenance;
* keeping up to date with WWT news

**This role will suit you if:**

You have a can-do and enthusiastic attitude in completing tasks in all weathers, and are both a practical person and physically fit. Experience and knowledge in machinery and/or vehicle maintenance, ideally with qualifications, is essential, together with a competent, confident approach to maintenance and repair, being able to work independently and proactively. Much of your time will be spent working independently, but you will be happy to seek out help when needed. As nearly all our roles take place in public view, we need people committed to good customer service, engaging with visitors in our work, and positive and friendly communications with other staff and volunteers.

Please note that this role is currently only open to those aged 18+, and a driving licence is essential as there will sometimes be the need to use trust vehicles on site.

**Practicalities**

**Where will you be based?** Arundel Wetland Centre

**Who will you volunteer with?** You’ll be part of the Reserve Team – led by Reserve Manager and Senior Reserve Warden

**Time commitment?** Ideally, a regular commitment of one day most weeks and can be flexible within our working hours of 8am – 4pm. We can discuss and mutually agree the time you can offer.

We want your volunteering to be a positive and fun experience. You’ll get a warm welcome, including information on training, equipment and other information you need. This will include risk assessments based on your role and any particular support you need.

Volunteers receiveaccess to our sites, and discounts in our shops and cafes. Some roles include a uniform or require the use of equipment or protective clothing. If you are based at a particular site or office location, you’ll need to be able to get yourself there and back. Information on locations can be found on our [website](https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres). We will keep you up to date with what’s happening across WWT and the difference you will be helping to make happen.

**Interested?**

Full details of this and other roles can be found at [www.wwt.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.wwt.org.uk/volunteer). We celebrate inclusivity and diversity amongst our volunteering community and encourage applicants to state any disabilities they have for provided support. Please state any disabilities in your application form, or contact us at volunteering@wwt.org.uk to state what support you need either in locating the information or filling out the application process so we can cater for your additional needs.