



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Aviculture Carpenter/Handy Person

Why do we need you?

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 Living Collection plays a huge role in educating our visitors and raising the profile of wetlands.

Our Aviculture Carpentry volunteers ensure our bird exhibits are as good as they can be for our living collections. There are plenty of ways to get stuck in and help maintain the bird exhibits around Slimbridge Wetland Centre. Working as part of our team, you will get involved in creating new and exciting bird exhibits including nest boxes, pens, aviaries and breeding facilities. We are looking to recruit a variety of practical volunteers who can help us with jobs in association with the Bird Team, so if you have skills in DIY, and want to make a difference to our feathery residents, this role could be for you!

Who will be responsible for your role? Deputy Aviculture Manager

Where will you be based? WWT Slimbridge Centre

How much time will it take? We are open to a variety of options; from 1 day a week, to more significant blocks of time. Ask us!
Hours are also negotiable, but tend to start at 10.00am and finish at 4.30pm.

What will you be doing?

- Maintenance of bird pens and breeding facilities.
- Constructing nest boxes, transport crates, shelters, housing and other wooden fixtures.
- Constructing some small bird aviaries, fixtures and fittings.
- Contribution to bird exhibit design.
- Occasional contribution to bird catches.
- Occasional vegetation work.

Who are we looking for?

To be effective in this role you will need:

- To be a team player with the ability to work under your own initiative.
- Excellent attention to detail.
- A can-do attitude.
- A self-awareness and sensitivity to your surroundings.
- Good communication skills.
- Workshop machinery experience.
- Electrical qualifications desirable.
- Full UK driving license desirable.

How will you benefit?

- This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer within an internationally important wetland site in a really hands-on role.
- Suitable uniform is provided to all regular volunteers.
- Discount is available in the cafe and shop on the days of volunteering.
- Free entry to all WWT wetland centres throughout the UK on presentation of your WWT name badge.
- Appropriate training will be provided.
- A review after the first month to ensure the role is right for you.
- A suitable reference to help you apply for jobs.

General notes:

To make an effective contribution, we are asking you to be available for at least ten weeks. Longer placements can be available if you would like to stay with us for a longer time period. This position may require work during evenings, weekends and public holidays. The exact hours you are able to contribute will be discussed prior to placement.

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 regret that we are not in a position to reimburse expenses incurred for travel to the site. Any pre-agreed out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of the role 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.