

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** **Maintenance Carpenter**

**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. In this role you will be mainly based in our purpose-built workshop, providing regular support to the site team undertaking a range of hands on practical carpentry tasks, from boardwalks to buildings and hide repairs.

**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:**

* general maintenance of facilities, boardwalks, buildings and hides
* repairing and building timber fences, gates, barriers, signage, benches and other woodwork
* making bird and mammals nest boxes, and tern rafts
* painting of metalwork and timberwork with appropriate preservatives
* helping with exhibit maintenance
* cleaning and maintenance of workshop and tools
* 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. An experience in carpentry, ideally with qualifications, would be very beneficial.

Your work will be supporting a great site-wide team, so good and friendly communications with other staff and volunteers and a dependable approach will ensure that you fit in well. Much of your time will be working independently in the workshop, but you will be happy to seek out help when needed and work as part of a small team for occasional larger tasks.

Please note that this role is currently only open to those aged 18+.

**Practicalities**

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

**Who will you volunteer with?** Reserve Team – led by Reserve Manager and Senior Reserve Warden

**Time commitment?** Ideally, a regular commitment for a minimum of one day a week or two half days, weekdays or weekends, 8am – 4pm. However, 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.