



WWT Wetlands for life

Reserves Management HQ: Office & Research Placement at WWT Slimbridge

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust has one placement vacancy for 2022-23 in the HQ Reserves Management Department. This placement will be based at our Slimbridge Wetland Centre in beautiful Gloucestershire and will offer the successful candidate a range of experiences in wetland management, research and data collection and analysis. This post would suit someone who enjoys being part of small enthusiastic teams, has a good variety of skills, and wants to learn the co-ordination and strategic side of nature reserves management. This is mainly an office based role with practical fieldwork as required.

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust is one of the UK's leading conservation organizations in wetland ecology with a long history of managing wetland sites and conducting research and re-introduction programs in the UK. Our reserves are exciting places to be throughout the year. Large flocks of shoveler, wigeon and golden plover can be seen each winter, alongside the thousands of swans, and the reed fringes are a good place to spot wintering bitterns or otters. While in summer waders such as redshank and lapwing nest in the grasslands and dragonflies cruise the waterways. Water voles are a common sight in spring and summer, and there's always a variety of reptiles and amphibians.

While the successful candidate will need to commit to volunteering for the Trust for 52 weeks, for approximately 37.5 hours per week, there will be excellent opportunities to develop useful skills for the UK job market in areas of ecology, conservation and reserves management. A training package relevant to the role will be given, which may include training on: the use of GIS software (QGIS), biological recording systems (Recorder 6) and research design, water quality and ecological monitoring. Volunteers are entitled to 25 days holiday during their placement. If volunteering as a student placement, you will be able to carry out your own research project if required by your university as part of your assessment, supported by friendly WWT staff with significant experience in their field. Although the placement will be unpaid, accommodation can be provided. Please note that all volunteer roles have an associated Risk Assessment and these are being regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any guidelines or restrictions imposed as part of ongoing measures for the Covid-19 pandemic. Full risk assessments for WWT can be provided on request.

For more information, and to apply for the role, please visit

<http://www.wwt.org.uk/placements>

Closing date for applications is 24th November 2021.

Interviews will be held on the week commencing the 13th December 2021.

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