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Volunteer role description

Role title:	Engagement Volunteer – Idle Valley Nature Reserve
Team/Group:	Engagement Team
Your volunteer leader:	Sue Millichap, Engagement Officer
Volunteering base:	Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre, North Road, East Retford, DN22 8RQ

Why we need this role

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is committed to engaging people with nature. We deliver a huge variety of opportunities for people to learn about the natural world. We need volunteers to support the engagement team in delivering a fun and exciting programme of events. We deliver exciting, curriculum-linked education sessions for nurseries, schools, colleges and universities. NWT also creates opportunities for families, running Wild Tots, Wild Kids, Holiday Clubs, Drop-in events as well as large scale events accommodating up to 200 people. The team provides activities all year round including: pond dipping, bird watching, fire lighting, minibeasting, natural crafts, trails, surveying & ecology and lots more! Being a charity, NWT absolutely relies on its volunteers to operate. We need enthusiastic people to assist with the delivery of our events.

What this role involves

As an Engagement Volunteer you will be working as part of a fantastic team of diverse ages and backgrounds who come together to make a difference for wildlife and people's appreciation of it.

You may help with resource preparation, moving equipment around the reserve and helping to clear away following sessions. You will also work with participants directly through knowledge sharing, support during activities, guiding groups to different locations and taking part in activities and demonstrations. In addition, there will be the opportunity to input into session planning.

We request each volunteer to dress for the weather; wearing layers is the best way to prepare for the good old British climate.

Experience and skills needed

Enjoys engaging with children, young people and the wider community.

Approachable and patient, with a friendly personality.

Ability to work as part of a team.

Interested in wildlife and conservation.

Good communication skills and the willingness to help people.

Ability to use own initiative to support groups and the team.

Moderate physical fitness and mobility for walking and carrying equipment over uneven ground

Flexible and adaptable in your approach to volunteering.

Benefits and training opportunities

Be part of a great team at our fantastic visitor centre.

Meet new friends and attend occasional volunteer social events.

Get time out on the nature reserve and learn about the natural world.

Excellent work experience for future employment prospects.

Free tea and coffee when volunteering and 20% reduction for all training courses, shop products and café food.

Commitment

School sessions run between 9am and 3pm, weekdays.

Holiday club/ Wild Kids/ Wild Tots sessions are approx. 2 hrs in length and can be either am or pm.

As a volunteer you would be in regular receipt of an email outlining the forthcoming sessions/events that you can sign up to. You can volunteer however frequently/infrequently you like and you are under no obligation to commit to a set working pattern.

Duration of role

Ongoing

References required?

Yes

All volunteers are asked to agree to our [Volunteer Code of Conduct](#)

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