

Volunteering at the Curraghs Wildlife Park

The Curraghs Wildlife Park Volunteer Scheme offers you a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the Park's education and conservation work.

Who should volunteer?

We welcome people across a wide age range, with a variety of different backgrounds, skills, and levels of experience. Whatever your abilities or your reasons for volunteering, we would love to hear from you.

Perhaps you are a retired person wanting to keep busy and active and try something new, or a younger person hoping to gain skills and experience to enhance your career prospects? Or maybe you just want to spend your free time doing something a bit different from your regular job?

We would be delighted if you have skills and experience to bring, but we also welcome people with a willingness to learn and a can-do attitude. Above all we need people who are reliable, friendly, and enthusiastic.

What do volunteers do?

Some of volunteers help to run activities and interact with visitors; others help to maintain the gardens and animal enclosures. We also need people to assist with the Park's education and presentations programme, and to help to raise funds for our conservation projects.

If you have a particular skill that you could offer, we may be able to find a role especially for you that will make the most of your talents.

Your duties will be planned with our Volunteer Co-ordinator, according to your preferences and aptitude.

Please be aware that the Park's animals are cared for by our experienced staff, so the opportunities for volunteers to be directly involved with animal care are not normally available. However, at the Wildlife Park, animals are all around you, and you will become very familiar with our amazing inhabitants during the time you spend with us!

How much commitment is expected?

The amount of time you are able to commit will, of course, vary according to your circumstances. We can be flexible about the number of hours that you can offer, but we would like you to be reliable.

As a general guide we would prefer you to be available at least half a day once a fortnight, and for you to continue volunteering with us for at least six months, to make the time we spend on your induction and training worthwhile.

Sometimes volunteers prefer to offer a block of time, which we can also accommodate. As you might expect, most of our volunteer roles – especially

interacting with visitors - are during busy periods such as school holidays and summer weekends.

What can volunteering at the Wildlife Park offer me?

Volunteering with us can be a hugely valuable and rewarding experience for you, offering you opportunities to acquire new skills, broaden your experience and develop your confidence. Many of our volunteers will want to gain transferable skills to enhance their CV and improve their career profile.

You will meet new people, make friends, and have the chance to share your knowledge and enthusiasm, as well as increasing your own knowledge of wildlife and playing your part in its conservation.

And of course you will enjoy spending time in the beautiful and inspiring surroundings of the Curraghs, amongst our wonderful animals.

What should I do next?

If you would like to take the next step, please fill in the enclosed application form and return it to us. If we feel there is a suitable role for you, we will invite you for an informal chat to arrange your induction.

For more information or to request an application form, please contact Liz Brunswick, the Wildlife Park's Volunteer Co-ordinator.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

