

Be a **Discovery Volunteer** this summer!

How do you fancy spending some of your spare time at the Wildlife Park? Can you commit to a couple of hours each week throughout the summer?

We're looking for some new recruits to join our wonderful team of Discovery Volunteers - the friendly folk who interact with our visitors to make their trip extra special.

What qualities do I need?

A love of wildlife is an advantage - of course - but mainly you need to be someone friendly and approachable who enjoys talking to people. We know that direct contact with staff or volunteers really enhances a person's visit, and helps to communicate the Wildlife Park's message about our vital conservation role.

Reliability is an absolute must - we are seeking people who are able to commit to a couple of hours regularly each week throughout the summer season, and less often during the winter months.

What ages can apply?

Provided you are 18 or over, age is not important. You might be a young person hoping to gain experience, someone who is retired but wants to remain busy and active, or just wanting to spend time off your regular job doing something completely different.

What roles are available?

We are seeking volunteers to help to supervise the walk-in lemur enclosure, and/or to man our "Discovery Hut" - a display area in a busy spot where visitors can interact with our collection of bio-

artefacts such as replica animal skulls, skins, eggs etc. See overleaf to learn more about what those roles entail, and to decide whether they would suit you.

Can I volunteer with a friend?

Yes - you don't need to go it alone! We love it when people volunteer as a pair - perhaps two friends who enjoy spending time together, or maybe a couple. That way, you'll have company if the Park is having a quiet day, and you can take turns to leave your post to have a walk round the Park or a break. Some of our regulars often treat themselves to lunch in the café before or after their volunteer slot!

But it's just me ...

If it's just yourself, of course you will certainly meet lots of people, and perhaps team up with other volunteers.

Do volunteers meet up as a team?

Yes! several times a year, the Discovery Team get together with the Park's volunteer manager for coffee, chocolate cake, and a chat about what's been happening. It's chance to feed back positive and

negative experiences, and suggest how we can keep improving what we do.

Is there any training?

Training is provided, either in a group or on a one-to-one basis. And we suggest that you come along for a "taster" session before committing.



See overleaf to find out more about the volunteer roles →

The Discovery Hut

The Discovery Hut is just opposite the café entrance, so it's in an excellent spot to get noticed! In there we exhibit items from our collection of bio-artefacts such as replica animal skulls, antlers, skins, and eggs, in themed displays. There's usually an interactive game too to get visitors hooked!

The role of the volunteer is to welcome visitors to the hut, and of course to keep an eye on our precious stuff! You don't need to be a zoology expert, but basic information is provided so you'll generally know a bit more about the display than the visitors. The person-to-person contact is invaluable – so your presence there is more than enough.

As a Discovery Hut volunteer you will be:

- Mostly seated, in the Discovery Hut
- Looking after the items on display
- Chatting and engaging with visitors
- Encouraging them to explore the exhibits
- Occasionally helping to set out new displays
- Providing general information and directions to visitors

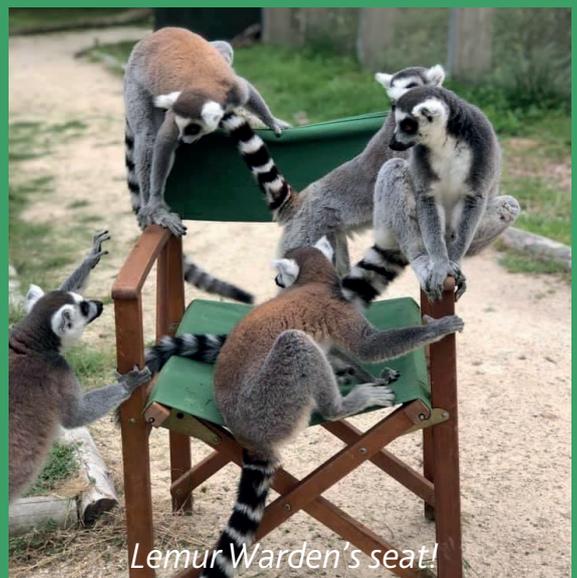


The Walk-In Lemur Enclosure

The walk-in lemur enclosure requires supervision to ensure that visitors aren't tempted to feed, pet, or chase the lemurs. It's also great to have a friendly person in-situ to answer queries, and talk a bit about the lemurs, but you absolutely don't need to be a lemur expert to apply for this role – you will be provided with the basics, and it's fine to tell visitors that you don't know the answer!

As a Lemur Warden you will be:

- Amongst ring-tailed lemurs
- Outdoors in the fresh air
- Chatting to visitors when they come into the enclosure
- Getting to know more about lemurs
- Telling visitors about lemur conservation
- Talking to the keepers to report any concerns



Time slots are typically 10:30 - 12:30 and 2:00 - 4:00, but can be adjusted to suit your schedule. (You can volunteer for one or more slots.)

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