



JOB DESCRIPTION

EDUCATION ASSISTANT

- Location:** Wildwood Escot, EX11 1LU
- Department:** Education
- Job title:** Outdoor Education Assistant Instructor
- Function:** Delivering education programmes
- Reporting to:** Education Manager
- Term:** Temporary, part-time
- Salary:** Minimum wage
- Hours of work:** Variable hours – additional weekend and holiday work available

WILDWOOD

Wildwood Trust is a unique British charity, dedicated to rewilding Britain through the restoration of wild habitats and reintroduction of extinct species. Wildwood became a Charity in 2002 and now works solely for wildlife conservation and public education. In 2015 Wildwood Trust took over the running of the animal park at Escot, near Ottery St Mary.

Our mission, through the operations of British wildlife parks, is to inform and inspire people about the wildlife that was once harboured in our wild woods and wild places and give them the inspiration, skills and ability to play an active role in its protection and restoration.

Wildwood's vision involves:

- Bringing the joy of understanding British Wildlife, and formerly native wildlife, to as many people as possible through giving the best possible experience to our visitors.
- Developing in the minds of people an understanding of wildlife, its history and its practical conservation through education and training.
- Building a commercially successful visitor centre that can be duplicated at suitable woodland sites across the UK.
- The careful husbandry of Wildwood's collection of British native, naturalised and once native wildlife.
- Rewilding Britain through pioneering conservation projects and reintroductions to produce balanced and sustainable semi-natural ecological systems.

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- Scientific research to better understand how to deliver our mission to restore wild lands and their wildlife
- Providing leadership, policy advice and practical demonstration of wildlife and environmentally friendly technologies, economic systems and lifestyles.

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Position Overview

An active position requiring the role holder to join our friendly education team as a seasonal instructor during our busy period, April – October 2020.

Friendly, informative, enthusiastic and proactive engagement with a range of stakeholders including visitors, customers, members, school children and teachers is the main responsibility of the Seasonal Outdoor Education Instructor. As a well-established and highly regarded education establishment, we deliver exceptional educational experiences and programmes that meet the needs of our attending visitors, schools and groups. We aim to reconnect the general public with nature in multiple subjects and produce individual memorable experiences.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The main duties and responsibilities for this position include:

- Organising and developing session plans
- Delivering our outdoor education programmes
- Assisting with the development and maintenance of the village
- Assisting with delivering engaging activities with the public
- Providing exceptional customer service and communication when handling enquiries and engaging with our schools, groups or park visitors in a professional and helpful manner
- Assisting with the schools during term time, when required
- Maintenance and tidying of the department's facilities
- Public animal talks
- Assisting with the catering for schools on our residential camps when needed

You may be required to carry out duties not listed above but which will be within your level of skill and ability.