



## Volunteer Role Description

<b>Role title:</b>
Wildlife Trainee (Conservation) Warburg Nature Reserve, Oxfordshire
<b>Based at location</b> (please indicate if disabled access is available):
<p>Warburg Nature Reserve, Bix, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 6BL</p> <p>High up in the Chiltern Hills, Warburg Nature Reserve is a magnificent place, known for its wild, remote tranquillity. It is particularly renowned for its fifteen species of orchid, wide range of invertebrates and huge variety of fungi. The information centre provides a focal point for visitors and a base for educational work.</p> <p>For more information see <a href="https://www.bbwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/warburg-nature-reserve">https://www.bbwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/warburg-nature-reserve</a></p>
<b>Purpose of the role:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist the Warden with the management of the reserve.</li> </ul>
<b>Type of activities you will be involved in:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserves estate management: will include scrub management and coppicing, fencing, livestock management, maintenance of site infrastructure, leading volunteer groups.</li> <li>Visitor engagement: assisting with guided walks.</li> <li>Ecological survey; rapid assessment of habitats.</li> </ul>
<b>Experience &amp;/or qualifications needed:</b>
<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desire to work in UK wildlife conservation</li> <li>A good level of physical fitness</li> <li>Willingness to use power tools (training will be provided)</li> <li>Willingness to supervise and lead others</li> <li>Willingness to work with livestock</li> <li>Ability to engage with a range of people from different age groups &amp; backgrounds</li> <li>Willingness to develop skills and standards of workmanship required in wildlife management</li> <li>Valid driving licence and willingness to drive BBOWT vehicles</li> </ul>

**Desirable:**

- Mechanical aptitude
- Relevant/similar experience through work or volunteering
- Relevant education and /or experience

**Times/days we would like you to be available:**

A commitment to volunteering for three days a week for 6 to 12 months is required. Actual days are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

**Benefits to volunteer & possible training opportunities:**

A substantial amount of training and experience is provided. Trust staff will teach practical nature reserve management skills and provide the theory and rationale behind the activities you do. A programme of in-house training is provided including:

- Intro to BBOWT
- Leading Practical Groups
- Safety on Site
- Tool Maintenance
- Livestock Handling
- Conservation Grazing Theory
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- Interview Training
- Brushcutter Training
- Driver Awareness

The in-house training runs to a set schedule and training received will depend on the start date, availability of the Trainee and the duration of the placement.

In addition a training budget is available which includes externally certified training in First Aid at Work and NPTC Level 2 Award in Chainsaw: Cross-cutting, Maintenance & Felling Trees up to 380mm. Chainsaw training will only be provided if the Trainee signs up to a 12 month placement. Alternatives to chainsaw training may be considered.

**You will be responsible to:**

Warburg Warden

**Expenses payable:**

Volunteers who use their own vehicles when travelling on behalf of the Trust will receive reimbursement in accordance with the mileage rates outlined below:

Motorised vehicles: 20p/mile

Bicycles: 20p/mile.

The above rates are intended to cover all running costs associated with the use of personal cars on behalf of the Trust and no other expenses, e.g. car wash, fuel and oil, etc. will be reimbursed by BBOWT in this regard.

Travel expenses may also be claimed by Volunteer Trainees in travelling to their placement in accordance with this policy but are capped at £175 per month.

