

## Volunteer Role Description

Role title
Trailside Ambassador
Based at location
Nature Discovery Centre, Thatcham, Berks, RG19 3FU
Purpose of the role
<p>Primarily as a role to engage with the public, this team walks the trails talking to people about nature. Our ambition is to excite people about the habitat and occupants at the Nature Discovery Centre, provoke their passion and inspire people to protect the place and the nature within it.</p> <p>This role also serves as our eyes and ears of the trails. They are observant of any invasive species that we have and inform of us of any work that needs doing e.g. fences, Himalayan Balsam growing, streams overflowing, litter issues etc.</p>
Type of work you will be involved in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up a trailside station (kits provided) and engage visitors as they wander past</li> <li>• Talk about local species and fun facts</li> <li>• Offer advice on where to walk in the local area</li> <li>• Answer any questions about the Nature Discovery Centre</li> <li>• Encourage the protection of nature at the NDC and at home</li> <li>• Walk the trails and engage people about nature</li> </ul>
Skills required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must enjoy talking to people of all ages about nature</li> <li>• Basic knowledge of nature in the local area is desirable</li> <li>• Good communicator</li> </ul>
Suitable for Under 18s
No
Times/days we would like you to be available
Very flexible. We would ask for a few hours a month to make the most of your training. Weekends and school holidays are very appreciated.





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

- The chance to be actively involved in one of BBOWT's flagship sites
- The opportunity to promote Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust
- You will be joining a great team of volunteers and staff and can learn about the site and its wildlife.
- BBOWT also arranges annual thank-you events with opportunities to meet other volunteers and staff and hear about the activities and strategies of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust.
- We also have an email newsletter for volunteers called Grapevine.

#### **You will be responsible to**

Visitor Experience Manager

#### **Expenses payable**

None

#### **Interview, References or DBS check required?**

We would like to meet any potential volunteers at the Nature Discovery Centre for an informal interview. This will provide the opportunity to talk about the role, answer any questions and ensure that volunteering for everyone is a rewarding and positive experience.  
DBS check required.

