

Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	Residential on Reserve (More than 4 weeks)
Volunteer Manager	RSPB Reserve Team
Where you will be based	Property/on-site

Why we want you

Our nature reserves are very special places for people and wildlife. Across the UK the RSPB manages woodlands to wetlands, heathlands to meadows - a mosaic of different habitats hosting a wide range of wildlife. Our reserves are also a great day out for visitors, giving people the chance to connect with nature.

We are looking for volunteers to stay onsite at one of our residential reserves for between one month and one year. You could be supporting our teams with visitor engagement, practical conservation work, or both. See the advert for placement details. For general information on residential volunteering please visit our website:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/volunteering/residential-volunteering/faqs>

Volunteering at the RSPB is open to all. We are committed to developing an inclusive RSPB and removing barriers to volunteering. Please make sure you let us know about any medical conditions or additional needs in your application and we will try our best to accommodate any requirements. Please get in touch if you have any questions or need any additional support to complete your application.

The RSPB is the UK's largest nature conservation charity, delivering successful conservation projects, forging powerful partnerships, inspiring individuals and campaigning for change. Join our amazing volunteer team and make a real difference to nature.

What you will be doing

- Depending on the reserve, you may be supporting with ONLY visitor engagement, ONLY practical conservation work, or BOTH. Please read the advert carefully to find out which tasks you will be undertaking.
- Visitor engagement includes welcoming visitors and supporting them to have an enjoyable visit. It may also include helping at public events, assisting in the reserve shop or café, and light maintenance duties such as litter picking.
- Practical conservation work includes habitat management, which may be physically demanding. It may also include general reserve maintenance, management of farm stock, wildlife monitoring and surveying.

The skills you need

- Enthusiasm and a love of nature
- Willingness to learn
- The ability to work as part of a team or alone
- For practical conservation placements, a reasonable level of physical fitness is required
- For most long-term residential placements, a manual driving licence is required to drive RSPB vehicles (please check the advert for details)
- You must be comfortable living in a remote location where there may be limited access to facilities

What's in it for you

- This is a truly immersive volunteering experience in a beautiful, wildlife-rich setting.
- This is a rewarding role where you will be making a genuine contribution to nature conservation and will see the direct results of your work at the reserve.
- Volunteering with the RSPB is good for nature, but did you know that it's good for you too? 87% of RSPB volunteers agree that volunteering with the RSPB improves their wellbeing, and 82% agree it improves their mental health.
- We are a friendly and supportive team. You will have the chance to meet new people with similar interests and make new friends.
- You will have the opportunity to learn new skills and gain knowledge about visitor engagement and wildlife conservation.
- Accommodation (including utility bills) is provided. Please note, it is your responsibility to cover the cost of transport to/from the reserve and food during your stay.
- We will provide the equipment, training and uniform needed for you to undertake the role. We also have an online learning library, with a range of courses on conservation, health and safety, and soft skills.

Disclaimer

Minimum age 18.

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We're now the largest nature conservation charity in the country, consistently

delivering successful conservation, forging powerful new partnerships with other organisations and inspiring others to stand up and give nature the home it deserves. We rely on the support and generosity of our volunteers to make a difference

Our work stretches far beyond the UK. Wherever wildlife is in threat, we'll work with partners across the globe to help save it and give it a home.