

Brownsea Island Volunteer Role Description



Role Title
Brownsea Island Visitor Engagement Volunteer
Purpose of the Role
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To deliver a welcoming presence to visitors (including families, school groups or societies/clubs) to Brownsea Island & representing the Dorset Wildlife Trust. To assist the Reserves Assistant and Visitor Engagement Officer in the preparation and running of engagement activities (guided walks, illustrated talks etc) Helping to ensure that the Villa, bird hides and public spaces are maintained (i.e. sweeping the hides, tidying up the Villa etc.) To encourage visitors to make voluntary donations towards the management of the reserve
Daily tasks volunteers can expect to be involved with;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out pre-opening & closing checks in the Villa Visitor Centre To lead or assist in engagement activities including guided walks, illustrated talks, wildlife days or seasonal events. Engaging visitors to the Reserve, sharing your enthusiasm for the Trust and wildlife, providing advice & information to help them get the most out of their experience. Attending volunteer 'briefings' – keeping up to date with information about Brownsea. Promote the work of Dorset Wildlife Trust. Maintaining/tidying the hides
Opportunities for you
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop skills in public engagement e.g. public speaking, leading activities, safeguarding, working with diverse groups etc. To increase knowledge of wildlife and the island's ecology Supporting the work of Dorset Wildlife Trust & building a relationship with the charity Networking opportunities within the Wildlife Trusts Work in a small, friendly team Meet like-minded people and an opportunity to make new friends Attend Wildlife Trust run workshops & talks
Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers will receive support and training from the island Reserve Assistant and Visitor Engagement Officer Free boat travel to and from the island Parking permits provided for use on the day of volunteering
Volunteer Specification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good people & communication skills Comfortable with public speaking (guided walks, illustrated talks etc) Enthusiasm for Brownsea Island & the Dorset Wildlife Trust A flexible approach to their role with a can-do attitude Reliable and punctual Knowledge of natural history, wildlife conservation & wildlife ID
Your Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 day per week (or as many as you can spare)