

# Brownsea Island Volunteer Role Description



**Dorset**  
Wildlife Trust

<b>Role Title</b>
Schools Assistant Volunteer
<b>Purpose of the Role</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist in delivering Schools Activity Trips for a range of ages – mostly primary &amp; junior</li> <li>To assist the Schools Staff Lead in running a range of nature-based activities for children</li> <li>To attend schools sessions on Brownsea Island on 12 Thursdays during the Open Season</li> <li>To assist with actively engaging with children to ensure their wellbeing and participation</li> </ul>
<b>Tasks volunteers can expect to be involved with (with training and support)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisting with activity set up, delivery and packing away</li> <li>Talking to children in an age-appropriate way to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of the activities and to help them overcome barriers and build confidence</li> <li>Assisting Schools Staff Lead in ensuring activities are safely run with minimised risks and attention to safeguarding</li> <li>Assisting with activities such as nature walks, pond-dipping, moth-traps and crafts, and other nature-based content</li> <li>Assisting in promoting the work of Dorset Wildlife Trust and opportunities for young people to progress their interest in wildlife</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities for you</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop skills in nature-based youth &amp; schools work</li> <li>Encourage the next generation to protect and enhance our wildlife and habitats</li> <li>Increase knowledge of wildlife and the island's natural heritage</li> <li>Support the work of Dorset Wildlife Trust &amp; building a relationship with the charity</li> <li>Networking opportunities within the Wildlife Trusts</li> <li>Be part of a small, friendly team</li> <li>Meet like-minded people and make new friends</li> <li>Attend Wildlife Trust run workshops &amp; talks</li> </ul>
<b>Support</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers will receive support and training from the Schools Staff Lead</li> <li>Free boat travel to and from the island</li> <li>Parking permits provided for use on the day of volunteering</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteer Specification</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good people &amp; communication skills (Essential)</li> <li>Ability to engage, enthuse &amp; empathise with young people from all backgrounds (Essential)</li> <li>Ability to adapt communication style in a person-centred way (Essential)</li> <li>Enthusiasm for Brownsea Island &amp; the Dorset Wildlife Trust (Essential)</li> <li>A flexible approach to the role with a can-do attitude (Essential)</li> <li>Reliable, responsible and punctual (Essential)</li> <li>Willingness to learn about the key principles of youth work, safety &amp; safeguarding and to adhere to these (Essential)</li> <li>Willingness to undertake a DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service) &amp; Safeguarding Training (Essential)</li> <li>Comfortable with public speaking in small groups (Desirable)</li> <li>Some knowledge of natural history, wildlife conservation &amp; wildlife ID (Desirable)</li> <li>Background in teaching, youth work either paid or voluntary (Desirable)</li> </ul>
<b>Your Time</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Thursdays throughout the Open Season (March -October)</li> </ul>