



Summer 2026 Work Experience Details

Thank you for your interest in joining Surrey Wildlife Trust's work experience programme.

We will be running two programmes, each lasting one working week. One programme will run during term-time for formal work experience placements, and the other will run at the start of the summer holidays. Each programme has 10 places for students in years 10 – 13 (including those who have just finished college/sixth form). Work experience students will be immersed in the Surrey Wildlife Trust team alongside fellow students on the programme for an enjoyable and inspiring week. They will gain skills and experience with different teams throughout the Trust, covering practical conservation of different habitats, environmental education and wildlife surveying. This will equip students with a range of skills relevant to different jobs in the conservation sector and provide an opportunity to learn first-hand about varied career routes.

Dates

We are offering work experience placements on the following weeks:

- **Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July (term-time)**
- **Monday 27th July – Friday 31st July (summer holidays)**

Programme schedule

Please note, this schedule is subject to change.

- **Monday:** induction and group introductions, followed by wildlife surveying and citizen science activities. Location TBC, likely in the Guildford or Woking area.
- **Tuesday:** supporting our Education Team to run a Nature Discovery Day for primary school groups at our Education Centre, near Leatherhead. Activities include supporting the delivery of pond dipping and minibeast safari.
- **Wednesday:** supporting practical habitat management tasks on one of our heathland reserves in the West of the county, Wisley Common (near Woking).
- **Thursday:** supporting practical habitat management tasks on one of our chalk grassland reserves in the East of the county, Quarry Hanger (Betchingly).
- **Friday:** supporting practical habitat management tasks on one of our woodland reserves in Central Surrey, Cucknell's Wood (near Shamley Green).

Logistics

Support: You will be accompanied throughout the week by our work experience coordinator, as well as other staff members throughout the Trust who will provide safety briefings, instructions and guidance.

Transport: We can collect and drop off work experience students at **Guildford station** and drive them the rest of the way to and from site in our minibus. Alternatively, students can be dropped off and collected on site. Please note, sites will be varied throughout the county. **In your application you will need to specify if you need a lift in our minibus as spaces are limited and will need to be booked in advance.**

Facilities: Please note, most of our reserves don't have access to toilet facilities on site.

Timings: Each day will start at 10am and run until 3pm, excluding travel time to and from site if using our minibus.

What to bring and wear: You should wear comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty as well as suitable shoes (walking boots or wellies). We recommend covering your legs to avoid tick bites, so suggest wearing trousers. You will need to bring along your own lunch but we will provide tea, coffee and biscuits. Please also ensure you are ready for any weather (waterproofs, suncream, sunhat etc.).

How to apply

To apply for work experience at Surrey Wildlife Trust please complete our application form and email it to our Communities Team at volunteers@surreywt.org.uk by **Sunday 22nd February.**

If you require this application form in an alternative format or if you need adjustments to complete it due to accessibility needs, please get in touch.

Please note, spaces are limited, so we are unfortunately unable to guarantee a space for everyone who applies. We will be in touch shortly after the closing date to let you know if we are able to offer you a place.