



Volunteer Opportunity Osprey Guide – Wildlife Cruise Kielder

Do you have the ability to enthuse and educate? Are you able to talk naturally about something you are passionate about? Would you like to be part of the Osprey Watch Cruises in conjunction with Calvert Trust? You can help us create awareness of these beautiful birds which visit the UK during their breeding season, in the summer months.

Why Northumberland Wildlife Trust needs you?

NWT's aim is to bring people closer to nature so they learn to understand, value and protect it. Part of this plan includes educating people about the value of nature conservation and bringing to light wondrous species.

What's involved?

- Work as part of a team to help run the Osprey cruises with Calvert Trust
- Share the story of the Kielder ospreys with visitors on board the motor boat
- Guide visitors and show people how to view ospreys from the boat
- Answer queries and provide information about the ospreys
- Talk about other wildlife that can be found in the area

What skills, qualities and experience do you need?

- Knowledge of birds and other wildlife
- Ability to talk to a wide range of public participants
- Ability to travel to Kielder
- Ability to withstand inclement weather (the boats are exposed!)
- Enthusiasm
- First Aid certification and Risk Assessment & Health and Safety training would be useful but are not essential

What you might get out of being involved:

- Develop your communications skills
- Learn more about wildlife
- Training in relevant health and safety policies and codes of practice
- Opportunity to attend volunteer training events offered by NWT

How much time will you be expected to give?

Boat trips have been scheduled to run from May to August on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Starting times are 1pm (for a 1,30pm cruise), 3.30pm (for a 4pm cruise) or 5.30pm (for a 6pm cruise) Cruises last 2 hours each and on some days there is more than one cruise scheduled. One volunteer per cruise is required.

Other information

- Training will be given
- Vehicle mileage or public transport costs will be refunded
- NWT operates a comprehensive Health and Safety policy that all volunteers are required to adhere to.
- Appropriate PPE and logos to be worn when instructed

