

Volunteer Campground Coordinator(s)

Charnley River, central Kimberley WA

Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is dynamic non-profit organisation delivering a new model for conservation in Australia. Our core business is protecting endangered species such as the Bilby, Gouldian Finch and Numbat. Charnley River-Artesian Range one of 5 AWC-managed sanctuaries the Kimberley, along with Mornington (including Mornington Wilderness Camp), Marion Downs, Tableland and Yampi.

The Charnley River-Artesian Range Wilderness Camp provides a comfortable base from which to explore this remarkable 300,000 hectare sanctuary. It is a naturalist's paradise, providing refuge for over 200 species of birds and a diverse range of other wildlife. All proceeds from the Wilderness Camp are dedicated to the conservation of wildlife in the Kimberley.

Volunteer Campground Coordinators required: June, July and August 2017

AWC are seeking volunteers interested in helping as Campground Coordinators at Charnley River. Tasks will include basic maintenance and cleaning of the campground and amenities, welcoming visitors, collecting fees and managing bookings, gardening, weeding and assisting AWC staff with various projects as time permits.

Volunteers will need to commit to a stay of between 2 to 6 weeks, with daily volunteering activities taking 2 – 3 hours per day. AWC will provide a basic level of support including a private area to camp and a small weekly contribution towards food costs. Accommodation is limited so volunteers must be self-sufficient - caravans welcome.

Key requirements:

- An interest in and understanding of Australian Wildlife Conservancy and conservation issues in Australia, including a genuine interest in and care of the environment.
- Good communication and people skills, comfortable in welcoming visitors and showing them around the camp as well as providing information and advice, as required.
- Trustworthy, confident in handling money and basic math.
- Basic computer skills including email and excel to manage camp bookings and fees.
- Willingness to undertake necessary duties including cleaning, stock-keeping and ordering supplies.
- Moderate/good level of physical fitness required in order to undertake duties: rough terrain, lifting bins and occasionally other heavy loads.
- Willingness to abide by AWC's safety systems including reporting incidents and hazards and coordinating a check-in system with sanctuary staff.
- Ability and interest in assisting AWC staff with other duties including infrastructure and maintenance.
- Current valid manual driver's licence and experience in 4WD'ing in a range of off-road conditions.
- Experience living and working in a remote environment.

Inherent requirements of the role:

The execution of tasks associated with the position will involve working outdoors and this can be in extremes of weather with temperatures ranging from 3 degrees overnight to 40+ degrees during the day. Tasks can be physically demanding, this position therefore requires a moderate level of fitness. The successful volunteer applicants must be physically capable of performing these activities in order to carry out the inherent role requirements. Volunteers should carefully consider the fitness requirements and remoteness of the property and seek additional information (including medical advice where relevant) before deciding on whether to apply.

This is a fantastic opportunity to become part of the AWC team and develop a long-term relationship with Charnley River and learn about AWC's work in the Kimberley and across Australia.

Registering your interest:

Please contact: **John O'Shea, Wilderness Camp Manager** (john.oshea@australianwildlife.org / 0438 875 523) for further information about the role.

Applicants also need to register through our online portal:

<http://support.australianwildlife.org/volunteering-opportunities>

Once registered, you will see a list of all currently available volunteering opportunities. Please select "**Charnley River Campground Coordinators**" and follow the steps to register your interest.

Please note: volunteer opportunities with AWC are limited and may require a specific skill-set. For this reason, registering does not guarantee placement. We will contact you when you have been successfully matched to a volunteering opportunity.

We thank you for your interest in and support of Australian Wildlife Conservancy.

Visitor information

Charnley River-Artesian Range is a 2 hour drive 43km north of the Gibb River Road, located 5 hours' drive (320km) from Derby and 7 hours' drive (540km) from Broome. The camp provides a comfortable base from which to explore this remarkable sanctuary. Popular activities include swimming and exploring stunning gorges like Grevillea Gorge, Dillie Gorge or Donkey Hole. Nature lovers can indulge in various self-guided tours from birdwatching to exploring habitats unique to the Kimberley.

Sorry no pets or fires allowed.

Cost

Vehicle access fee: \$25

Camping child (3 – 12 years): \$10 per night

Camping adult: \$20 per night