

Volunteer Campground Coordinators

Mornington Wilderness Camp, 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. Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary, located in the heart of the Kimberley, is an important refuge for critically important populations of threatened species such as the Gouldian Finch, the Purple-crowned Fairy-wren and Northern Quoll.

Mornington Wilderness Camp offers a comfortable base from which to explore this remarkable sanctuary. Accommodation ranges from unpowered sites along Annie Creek to luxurious Safari Tents. Visitors can enjoy day trips around the sanctuary and activities such as canoeing down Diamond Gorge and swimming in Sir John Gorge. All proceeds from the Wilderness Camp are dedicated to the conservation of wildlife.

Volunteer Campground Coordinators required: March, April, and May 2017

AWC are seeking volunteers interested in helping as Campground Coordinators at Mornington Wilderness Camp. Tasks will include basic maintenance and cleaning of the campground and amenities, gardening, weeding, track opening 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 meals. 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 Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary 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 this opportunity.

To be considered for a place, please 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 "**Mornington Volunteer 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

Mornington Wilderness Camp is open from 1 May to 9 October 2017.

To discover Mornington, travel along the Gibb River Road to the signposted turnoff. The distance to Wilderness Camp from the following is:

- 330 km (5 hours) from Derby;
- 550 km (7 hours) from Broome;
- 565 km (8 hours) from Kununurra; and
- 385 km (6 hours) from Fitzroy Crossing.

For camping and Safari Tent rates, or to make a booking, please visit our website:

<http://www.australianwildlife.org/media/275105/mornington-wilderness-camp-2017-rates-information.pdf>