

Mount Gibson – Volunteer Campground Coordinator(s)

Mount Gibson Wildlife Sanctuary covers a vast 131,710 hectares approximately 350km from Perth set in wildflower country on the edges of the northern wheat belt of WA, about 4 hours' drive north-east of Perth (80km south of Paynes Find, 70km north of Wubin).

Mount Gibson is the site of one of Australia's most ambitious mammal reintroduction projects. Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) has recently established a 7,835 hectare feral-free area – the largest cat and fox-free area on mainland WA – into which at least 10 regionally extinct mammals are being reintroduced. This single property will play a critical role in providing a secure future for around 14% of Australia's nationally threatened mammals. You can read more on the Mt Gibson Endangered Wildlife Restoration Project [here](#).

With support from Lotterywest, AWC has established a campground that will enable visitors to explore the sanctuary through self-guided tours and walks. The campground will open, conditions pending, April – October each year. There are 5 sites catering for caravans (accommodating up to 25 campers), extra tent sites and basic bush camping facilities including toilets and a camp kitchen with gas BBQ's.

Volunteer Campground Coordinators required: **April to October 2017**

AWC are seeking volunteers interested in helping as Campground Coordinators at Mt Gibson. 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, AWC can provide volunteer sleeping quarters, however, 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.
- 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.
- 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 work outdoors. This can result in extremes of weather with temperature ranges from 3 degrees overnight to 40+ degrees during the day. This position requires a **moderate** level of fitness and duties can include lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and may also involve driving a variety of vehicles (for correctly licensed and capable volunteers). 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 Mt Gibson.

Registering your interest:

Please contact: **Melissa Farrelly, Sanctuary Manager** (melissa.farrelly@australianwildlife.org/ 08 9963 6518) for further information about the role.

Applicants 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 “**Mt Gibson Campground Coordinators**” and follow the steps to register your interest. Please include details of your relevant skills and experience.

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.