



CANAL CAMP LEADER: OVERVIEW

Role Title	Canal Camp Leader
Responsible to	WRG Board/ Staff Team
Location	Nation wide
What they do	Your main role is to ensure that WRG Canal Camps are a fun, well planned and safe experiences.
Why it matters	<p>Every year WRG runs between 16-20 Summer Canal Camps and this means we need to find more than 60 volunteer Canal Camp leaders and assistant leaders each year.</p> <p>We restore canals because they are a key part of our 21st century green-blue infrastructure – acting as a huge, linear national park, connecting communities, providing safe havens for wildlife and spaces for people to enjoy and relax in. They are also an important part of our industrial heritage and could play an important role going forward in protecting us from flooding due to climate change.</p>
What's involved	<p>The main role of the leader is to motivate and organise the volunteers to work safely towards completing the canal restoration task and, above all, make the Canal Camp an enjoyable week. As a leader, you are responsible for the well-being of your volunteers 24 hours a day for the duration of the camp.</p> <p>There is no 'correct' way to run a camp, or to allocate jobs between the leader and assistant leader, but it is important to agree jobs and responsibilities before the start of the camp and to work as a team.</p> <p>Most leaders were assistants and most assistants were volunteers - and we can help with mentoring from established leaders and assistants to help you make the next step</p>

DETAILS

<p>Time Commitment</p>	<p>As a leader or assistant you need to be able to give up a week of your time, have some experience of Canal Camps, and most of all be willing to look after 18 wonderful volunteers!</p> <p>Time commitment varies depending on the nature of the camp and level of planning required but we anticipate it will involve 10-15 hours per month in the lead up to the Canal Camp.</p> <p>And will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One day site visit • Attendance at the Leaders Training Day (21st May). • 7 days on a Canal Camp
<p>Main Tasks</p>	<p>The role will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and planning before the Canal Camp including liaising with volunteers, host society contacts and WRG Head Office as well as visiting your site. • Working with the Technical Support Officer to create a suitable Project Plan for your Canal Camp. The Technical Support Officer will create the plan and method statements for your Canal Camp for you to review. • Day-to-day running of the Canal Camp. You are responsible for leading, supporting, and motivating your team of Canal Camp volunteers • Attending the Leaders Training Day on Saturday 21st May.
<p>Required skills and experience</p>	<p>To become a Canal Camp Leader you must have experience and knowledge of supporting and leading groups of people to create safe, engaging and fun working holiday experiences.</p>
<p>Training and Support</p>	<p>You will receive ongoing support and resources from WRG Staff Team (Jenny Morris and Jonathan Green) and Technical Support Officer (Mikk Bradley).</p> <p>WRG is committed to the training and development of all our volunteers. Canal Camp Leaders will be encouraged to develop the skills necessary to enable them to run high quality and fun Canal Camps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will arrange a 1 hour induction session via zoom to explain the plans for the Canal Camp. • Access to IWA’s virtual Resources (Volunteer & Restoration Hub) which includes Leaders Guidance Notes. • Leaders Training Day (21st May) <p>Expenses: We will cover pre-agreed travel expenses for site visits and travel to and from the Canal Camp.</p>

To Apply	Please contact Jenny Morris to discuss the role: Phone: 01494 783 453 ext 611 Email: jenny.morris@waterways.org.uk
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