

Experienced Gardener

Full-Time, 5 days per week, Sunday to Thursday 08.00-18.00 (17.00 Nov-Feb)

Location: Paradise Wildlife Park, Broxbourne

Salary: Circa £18,000 PA, depending on age and experience

About Us

PWP is a premier visitor attraction who provide amazing animal experiences as well as an excellent day out. We have a strong reputation for our conservation and education programmes, our mission being Conservation, Education & Fun for All! As well as our wonderful animals we have a professional, diverse and friendly staff and volunteer community, so, in working at PWP, you'll not only have a great job in a very interesting place but you'll be part of an amazing cause too! For more information about our Park please visit www.pwpark.com

Gardener

As part of the Gardens Team you will be expected to work within the nursery, park and enclosures under the guidance of the Head Gardener. As a Gardener for PWP, you will enhance your horticultural skills by working with a variety of plant material including; herbaceous plants, trees and shrubs, tropical plants, lawn maintenance, and uniquely, gardening within animal enclosures. You will be expected to work on your own or within a team environment, demonstrating and setting an example of good health and safety practice.

About You

You will be a positive team player with a proven ability of working in a team situation or on your own. A full driving licence, training in use of pesticides, tractor and or forklift training competence and an up-to-date basic knowledge and understanding of basic small plant maintenance are desirable. A current chainsaw certificate would be advantageous.

You'll love working outdoors and understand that our gardens and grounds are as significant as our animals. Our visitors tell us how much they enjoy our well-kept outdoor spaces, which makes your role vital in making sure they have an amazing experience.

What You'll be Doing

You'll assist in making sure that the gardens are maintained to a high standard and be passionate and enthused by plants. This role will include a range of practical horticultural tasks to develop, enhance and conserve the gardens and contribute to the delivery of projects. You'll be helping with hard and soft landscaping and general maintenance of the gardens, such as mulching, pruning, leaf clearing and weeding. You'll support with the planting and maintenance of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants. You'll be helping to cut the hedges and mow our lawns.

You'll also assist garden volunteers and support and help them to make the most of their time here. You'll be expected to interact with the public on a daily basis, answering their questions, and will also be expected to help other departments within the Park on a regular basis (e.g. undertaking car parking duties, helping the maintenance team or assisting with the set-up and running of events).

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to hr@pwpark.com stating the reference GARDENER in the email title. We will close the vacancy when a sufficient number of applications have been received, so encourage you to submit your details as soon as possible if you are interested.