



Job Vacancy Information Pack

Post: Maintenance Operative

Job Reference: EX627 (please quote on application form)

This pack contains all the information you need to know when applying for a vacancy at Yorkshire Wildlife Park, included in the sections below:

1. Important Information
 - Useful information about the recruitment process, equal opportunities, company & departmental information.
2. How to apply
 - Accepted methods of application and how to submit.
3. Application form
 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park encourages green practices. Please reduce your ecological footprint by completing the form electronically and returning via email.
4. Job Description
 - A breakdown of the vacancy and what is expected from the successful applicant.
5. Job and Person Specification
 - A list of essential and desirable criteria for the post.

Important Information

The Organisation

Thank you for your interest in our advertised vacancy. Since its opening in 2009, Yorkshire Wildlife Park has evolved to become the UK's number 1 on-foot safari. We feature walkthrough exhibits that take the guest directly into the world of the animals. A dynamic centre for conservation and welfare, the park currently has around 475 animals across 60 different species. We aim to provide a quality, value for money experience that excites and inspires our guests.

Equal Opportunities

Yorkshire Wildlife Park is committed to equal opportunities in all aspects of recruitment and employment. Job descriptions and person specifications define the qualification, experience and other skills required for the post and will only include those factors which are necessary and justifiable on objective criteria for the satisfactory performance of the job.



As part of our commitment to equal opportunities we are monitoring job applications for equality purposes. To help us in our endeavours we ask you to complete an equal opportunities monitoring form at the end of the job application form. The equal opportunities monitoring form will be detached from your application form, stored separately and used solely to provide statistics for monitoring purposes.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Mission Statement

To create a dynamic, interactive experience and regional centre of excellence for the conservation of biodiversity globally and locally that is sustainable both for the environment and the business. To promote a wider understanding of the natural world and inspire generations to support and protect the world around them.

Maintenance at Yorkshire Wildlife Park

The Maintenance Department covers the general running of the park and supports the departmental workings of the whole site, including the animal and retail departments and the site catering outlets. The work carried out by the department covers activities ranging from general building and services maintenance to servicing the animal areas and ensuring that daily health and safety checks are carried out on all operational equipment, including the outdoor and indoor play areas. The role involves working inside and outside using a wide range of machines, from small power tools to telescopic handlers.

Use of Curriculum Vitae (CVs)

Our policy is to recruit and employ our employees on the basis of their suitability for the vacancy.

An application form allows us to compare individuals based on the same criteria and as such we do not accept a CV unless it is accompanied by a fully completed application form.

Shortlisting

To ensure that the people we employ are matched to the role and our business aims we operate a robust shortlisting procedure which involves a two-stage interview process. Candidates should ensure before they apply for a position with YWP that, as a minimum, they meet the essential criteria outlined in the person specification.

Due to the volume of applications we receive, it is our policy not to inform candidates who have not been shortlisted to interview stage. If you do not hear from us within one month of the closing date, we will have decided not to take your application any further.

Pre- employment Checks

All offers of employment are made subject to the following criteria:

Proof of eligibility to work in the UK and two satisfactory references



How to Apply

All applicants are required to fully complete the YWP application form in order to be considered for any vacancy. You should refer to the person specification when completing Section 5 of the application form as this is the criteria we use to measure you against.

Complete application forms should be returned to the HR Department by midnight of the closing date specified. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstance.

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A CV can be used as a supportive document to the application form but cannot be used to replace any part of the application form. Applicants who have used their CV to replace parts of the application form will have their application rejected.

Complete application forms should be returned to the HR Department via email:

recruitment@yorkshirewildlifepark.com

Application Form

The YWP application form is available to download from the vacancies page of our website in pdf and word format.



Job Description

Job Title:	Maintenance Operative
Reporting to:	Head of Maintenance/ Maintenance Team Leader
Department:	Maintenance

Primary Responsibilities

To work under the direction of the Head of Maintenance / Maintenance Team Leader, undertaking general maintenance tasks to provide a high-quality maintenance and repair service to the park.

Key Work Objectives

- Undertake day to day reactive maintenance work associated with the upkeep and improvement of the park as directed by the Head of Maintenance / Maintenance Team Leader.
- Carry out routine general maintenance duties to include, but not exclusive to, pathway maintenance, fencing repairs and basic plumbing and joinery duties.
- Carry out routine safety checks, including outdoor and indoor play areas.
- Drive the park vehicles and operate tools and machinery as required.
- Carry out general housekeeping of the site to include, but not exclusive to, litter picking, emptying of bins and compressing of cardboard.
- Assist with car parking duties as required.
- Assist with setting up and dismantling of park events.
- Undertake any training, professional development or qualification needed to fulfil the requirements of the role.

General

- Maintain the highest levels of professionalism, service and personal appearance.
- To be responsible, along with other staff members, for compliance with health and safety regulations for staff and visitors.
- Undertake any other reasonable duties which may be requested of you by the management team.



Job Specification

Job Title:	Maintenance Operative
Reporting to:	Head of Maintenance/ Maintenance Team Leader
Working Hours:	Basic of 40 hours per week scheduled in accordance with business requirements. To include weekend and bank holiday work as required.
Salary:	£28,320 gross, per annum
Contract:	Permanent (subject to the successful completion of a probationary period)
Purpose of role:	To provide on-site maintenance cover as directed.

Main Duties & Responsibilities:

- General maintenance duties to include but not exclusive to pathway maintenance, fencing repairs and basic plumbing and joinery duties.
- Assist with maintenance projects as directed by the Head of Maintenance.
- General housekeeping of the site to include but not exclusive to litter picking, emptying of bins and compressing of cardboard.
- **Candidate:**
 - Self-starter with the ability to work on own initiative.
 - Ability to communicate effectively at all levels.
 - Excellent interpersonal skills.
 - Keen to learn, self-motivated and willing to work outdoors in all weather.
 - Multi skilled within the construction industry.
 - Must be flexible and able to work during our peak times which include weekends, bank holidays and school holidays.

Start Date: As soon as possible

Closing date for applications: Friday 9 May 2025



Person Specification

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Assessment Criteria	Essential (E) Desirable (D)
Experience	
Minimum of 2 years' experience in a relevant maintenance role (joinery, plumbing, drainage)	E
Experience of completing health and safety checks and undertaking remedial action	E
Experience of mentoring colleagues	D
Skills/ Abilities	
Excellent time management and organisational skills	E
Ability to undertake physically demanding work in all weather conditions	E
Excellent communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively to members of the public daily	E
Personable and enthusiastic	E
Able to communicate with colleagues and work effectively as part of a team	E
Ability to mentor a Maintenance Assistant	E
Knowledge	
Awareness of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and its application within a maintenance setting	D
Awareness of Working at Heights Regulations 2005	D
Qualifications	
Recognised qualification in a building trade (joinery/ plumbing/ drainage/ heating/ electrical)	E
Full UK driving licence	E
JCB telehandler operator licence	D
Tractor licence	D