



Gorilla Keeper

Salary: £19,827.81 DOE + Excellent Benefits

Plus a living out allowance or £2,600 per annum pro-rata to working hours, if onsite accommodation is not required or available.

Howletts Wild Animal Park, situated near Canterbury in Kent, is home to the largest captive breeding group of Western Lowland Gorillas in the world with over 140 births to date. Through our charity, The Aspinall Foundation, we manage and protect over a million acres of Congo and Gabon into which we are reintroducing gorillas. Gorillas from our collection in the UK have joined orphans from the bushmeat trade to create this population. This is a rare opportunity to become part of this cutting edge conservation initiative.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to join our team of gorilla keepers. The ideal candidate will have experience gained in a mainstream zoological collection with great apes – preferably gorillas. An awareness of current conservation issues and a passion for animal welfare is also needed.

Candidates must have a good level of physical fitness as this is a physically demanding role. A full valid driving licence is essential. It would also be advantageous to have some experience of driving tractor/trailers and possess a varied skillset including general maintenance and a recognised Zoo Animal Management qualification.

Working 40 hours over a 5-day week, the successful candidate will have a genuinely flexible approach to working hours which will include weekends and bank holidays. All applicants must have the right to work in the UK.

The Benefits:

- 28 days annual leave inclusive of bank holidays (Pro-rata to start date)
- Free entry into both of our parks, including Dual Park Season passes and additional park tickets for your family
- Discounts on food, accommodation, and retail products
- Onsite parking
- Training and development opportunities
- Access to our Healthy Extras Scheme after successfully passing your probation, which includes access to Counselling Services, Doctor Line and Retail Discounts
- A healthcare cash back plan and added annual leave related to length of service.
- Cycle to Work Scheme

Closing date: Friday 20 May 2022.

To apply: Please email a CV along with a covering letter to - personnel@aspinallfoundation.org

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