

Volunteer Mascot Performer:

Role description

We have an exciting opportunity for mascot performers (Tumble the Tiger) to join our volunteer team for the summer of 2025. Our mascot performers would ideally be available any day during a 7-day week, including weekends and bank holidays. Hours can be flexible to meet the demands of the business, our opening times, and yourself.

What will the role involve:

Our mascot performers will be part of meet 'n' greet experiences one or two times a day, helping to create happy memories and engaging and inspiring our younger visitors to find wonder and value in nature. You will either be leading the character engaging directly with visitors, or performing in the character costume, preserving the identity of our mascot while maintaining the established character, body language, mannerisms and attitude. The mascot performer will always be accompanied by a designated helper who will assist with guiding, managing crowds, and ensuring performer safety and comfort throughout the experience. The role will also be involved in helping to care for and maintain the costume to ensure it is always in a visitor-ready condition.

What skills and experience are required?

The ideal candidates will be confident performers capable of engaging audiences, easily connecting with visitors of all ages and abilities and be able to read social cues to understand the level of engagement each visitor may want. You will also be calm under pressure and happy to perform inside a bulky costume. You need to be able to work in a range of outdoor conditions, primarily in dry weather including heat and cold. Mascot appearances may also take place in indoor locations, and outdoor activities will not proceed in heavy rain. Maximum height 5ft11 due to costume restrictions.

Who is Tumble the Tiger?

Tumble the Tiger has been Dartmoor Zoo's official mascot since Summer 2024, delighting visitors with his bright orange fur and black stripes, cheerful expression, and the zoo's logo proudly displayed on his chest. The costume includes a one-piece body suit with separate head, hands, and tiger feet. To help keep cool during busy summer events, the head features built-in fans, making Tumble perfect for spreading smiles and creating memorable moments all season long.

