

The WWOOFing charter

The three pillars of WWOOFing

1/ Moral values: trust, tolerance and generosity

2/ The relationship between the host and the WWOOFer must not involve subordination in any way. This relationship must reflect the aforementioned moral values

3/ Nothing is expected in return for the provision of free room and board by the host. There is just one condition: the WWOOFer must express a genuine desire to experience the host's life and work for him/herself and must play a role in the host's daily activities

The objectives of WWOOFing

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- A stylized illustration of a tree with green and orange leaves, positioned on the left side of the page, partially overlapping the list of objectives.
- To provide people who are unfamiliar with organic farming, environmentally friendly construction, etc. with practical experience
 - To introduce people to alternative and environmentally friendly ways of living
 - To foster cultural and transgenerational exchanges between people from different countries or regions
 - To promote the sharing of organic and environmental expertise
 - To enhance communications and solidarity within the environmental movement and organic farming
 - To give urban residents the opportunity to live and participate in the activities of an organic farm
 - To encourage contact with other players within the organic and environmental movement
 - To develop long-lasting connections between urban and rural residents

The WWOOFer is not an employee and has no obligation when it comes to profitability and/or subordination. WWOOFers should be welcomed intermittently and for a limited time: they must not replace an employee in any circumstances.

If you are looking for an employee: contact Pôle Emploi, the French employment agency.

The recommended participation is half a day per day, 5 days per week.

The host's involvement

Being a host requires real involvement and a willingness to introduce people to organic farming and/or an alternative way of life.

To be a host, you must want to share knowledge (farming, organic gardening, permaculture, biodynamics or environmentally friendly construction) and your everyday life (often with your family) in a rural setting.

At the same time, the host is encouraged to develop activities with structures other than WWOOF France so as to share his/her activity with as many people as possible.

The host's 11 commitments - the host must:

- 1 Ensure that the land is farmed organically and/or that environmentally friendly techniques are used.
- 2 Find educational materials to enhance and improve the WWOOFer's understanding of organic farming. This should not be an educational program nor should it promise a particular level of proficiency; hosts should simply be ready and willing to show what they believe is the right thing to do when it comes to protecting the environment.
- 3 Ensure that the site and its surroundings are clean and welcoming.
- 4 Guarantee clean, dry and warm accommodation and sufficient food and drink.
- 5 Prepare in advance for the WWOOFer's arrival, including answering any questions about the proposed activities, accommodation, the farm, etc.
- 6 Reply to all messages from WWOOFers, even to decline, when necessary.
- 7 Accept visits from members of WWOOF France and other members invited in an advisory capacity (French National Education, French Civil Service, charitable associations, etc.).
- 8 Take out insurance to cover damage for which the host is liable during the WWOOFer's stay, without covering the WWOOFer's civil liability.
- 9 Accept that WWOOF France rejects all forms of proselytism while also understanding that the organization respects everyone's religious and spiritual beliefs.
- 10 Contact WWOOF France to report any problems to ensure that the network is constantly improved and to give feedback on the positive aspects of the program and its development.
- 11 Ensure that WWOOFers have an active WWOOF France membership (a link to the WWOOFer's profile is included in the message received via the site).

**WWOOFing is not a cheap way to travel!
WWOOFing should be driven by a desire to learn more about
organic farming and to spend time with your hosts.
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week.**

The WWOOFer's involvement

To be a WWOOFer, you should be interested in and passionate about farming, organic or biodynamic gardening, permaculture, environmentally friendly construction, etc. Being a WWOOFer also involves supporting and encouraging these practices by sharing experiences with others. Being a WWOOFer is a personal commitment to a collective approach to protect the environment at national and international levels and encourage the development of organic agriculture and environmentally friendly construction. As a WWOOFer, you will contribute to the host's family life in a rural setting. As a WWOOFer, you should join the organization willingly and without expecting anything in return.

The WWOOFer's 11 commitments - the WWOOFer must :

- 1** Certify that he/she is at least 18 years old. There is no upper age limit.
- 2** Have a real interest in learning about the world of organic farming and life on a farm or in the countryside.
- 3** Participate freely and voluntarily in various activities during his/her stay.
- 4** Contribute to life on the farm (as previously established with the host) without any obligations in terms of performance or productivity.
- 5** Respect the host's property and family members.
- 6** Agree to contact a maximum of 5 hosts at a time and reply to all correspondence from members or the WWOOF France team. If, for any reason, the terms of engagement between the WWOOFer and the host were to be changed, each party must notify the other as soon as possible and provide an explanation.
- 7** Agree not to reproduce the list of hosts, not to divulge the personal details of the hosts included on this list and to use them only in the context of WWOOFing.
- 8** Not receive any remuneration during his/her stay.
- 9** Be free to come and go and live life at his/her own pace throughout his/her stay.
- 10** Inform WWOOF France if, once the WWOOFer has arrived, he/she finds that the accommodation and activities do not reflect what had previously been agreed with the host. WWOOF France relies on its members' feedback to improve its network but the WWOOFer is also encouraged to provide feedback on the positive aspects of the program and its development.
- 11** Take out insurance to cover damage for which he/she is liable; if the WWOOFer is French, he/she must have a civil liability insurance policy, at the very least. If the WWOOFer is from Europe or elsewhere, we recommend that you take out travel insurance.