



# Shadow Volunteer

**Role Name: Bushcraft Shadow Volunteer**

**Forest: Sherwood Pines**

<b>Country</b>	England
<b>Location</b>	Sherwood Pines, Edwinstowe, Mansfield NG21 9JL
<b>Position Type</b>	1-3 days per week for 6 months
<b>Salary</b>	Voluntary
<b>Closing date for applications</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>
<b>Interviews</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>

## Background Information

Forestry England provides opportunities for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in the outdoor or environmental sector. The Sherwood Bushcraft Ranger scheme would suit those wanting to gain experience in leading bushcraft activity sessions to groups of all ages and abilities.

Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing the Sherwood Bushcraft team. They will develop on the job skills; including development of bushcraft techniques, leading and working with groups and planning and running events.

Unfortunately, at the present time we cannot offer travel expenses however we do provide extensive experience and some formal training opportunities.

## What we offer

- Training relevant to the role from your experienced member of staff you are shadowing along with gaining knowledge from wider colleagues.
- Guidance and support in applying for further training or employment opportunities.
- Genuine out of pocket expenses which includes travel expenses beyond your reporting station.
- Volunteer parking pass after 35 hours of volunteering.

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- Volunteer uniform.
- Formal training opportunities - first aid, risk assessment, and manual handling.

## Purpose

Working as part of the Sherwood Bushcraft team to deliver key Forestry England messages through the Sherwood Bushcraft programme. To gain experience of delivering bushcraft, traditional woodland skills and team building activities to a wide range of audiences at Sherwood Pines. Engage with people of all ages and abilities and inspire them to enjoy and appreciate the forest and their outdoor environment. Support delivery of activities and events to people from a variety of social backgrounds. Experience the range of tasks, activities, and procedures that rangers undertake within their role.

## Person Specification

### Experience

#### *Essential*

Interest in, or experience of, bushcraft, youth work, environmental or outdoor education.

#### *Desirable*

Experience delivering activity sessions to a variety of groups.

### Working with Other People

#### *Essential*

Be approachable, open, polite, and helpful to others.

Respect diverse backgrounds, views, and approaches.

#### *Desirable*

Experience of working with people from a wide range of social backgrounds.

Willingness and enthusiasm to lead groups and activities.

### Communication

#### *Essential*

Ability to listen and communicate with people from a variety of age groups, abilities, behaviours, and backgrounds.

Willingness to work as part of a team as well as the ability to work on your own.

Ability to deal with difficult situations with tact, diplomacy and in a constructive manner.

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## Deliver Results

### *Essential*

Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.

Motivated and able to work as part of a team.

Prioritise and organise your time and resources effectively to meet agreed deadlines and objectives.

### *Desirable*

Understand and apply current legislation, rules and procedures relevant to the job (e.g. Health & Safety, Risk assessment).

## Learn and Apply

### *Essential*

*Be open to change and show a willingness to undertake appropriate training to develop new skills and confidence.*

*Take responsibility for own work, learning from experience, mistakes, and constructive feedback.*

## Other

Able and willing to work 1-3 days per week, predominantly weekdays although may occasionally include evenings and weekend working.

This post may require you to hold and continue to hold, a full current driving licence. Duties will require you to be fit and able to negotiate rough terrain. However, Forestry England is willing to consider any proposal put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the role by other means.

## How to apply

Please apply online by completing the [application form](#) on the website. Make sure when applying, you type 'Bushcraft Shadow Volunteer' as the role which you are interested in. For the Forest, please select 'Sherwood Pines'.

If you are interested in multiple roles, you will need to complete multiple applications. You can, however, use the same information and answers for each so feel free to copy the information from one to the other, if you are happy this is correct.

If you have any problems with the application or questions please email [victoria.tofte@forestryengland.uk](mailto:victoria.tofte@forestryengland.uk) and state which opportunity you wish to apply for and what your requirements are to enable you to apply.

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If you consider yourself to have a disability the application form will ask you to provide details of any support you may need or reasonable adjustments we can make to enable you to fulfil the role (as outlined in the role description for the placement you are interested in). If you are selected for a Shadow Volunteer role based on your skills and experience this will allow us to assess whether support can be safely and practically put in place or whether other alternative solutions are a possibility, in discussion with you.

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