

Volunteer Shadow Ranger

Forestry role

Cannock

Country	England
Location	Cannock Chase Forest Centre, Birches Valley, Rugeley Postcode: WS15 2UQ
Position Type	1-3 days per week for 6 months
Salary	Voluntary
Closing date for applications	9 th of August 2021

Background Information

Forestry England are the country's largest land manager, caring for the nation's forests for people, nature, and the economy. The foundation of our organisation is our world-class sustainable management of the nation's forests.

The Central Forest District has responsibility for the management of some 30,000ha of the Nation's Forests within a triangle formed by Liverpool, Hull, and Milton Keynes. This gives rise to a large diversity of users, customers, neighbours, and pressures, all of which are interacting on a varied backdrop of land uses.

We are proud to be able to offer a range of shadow ranger volunteer opportunities for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in recreation, community engagement, conservation, site management, forestry, working with volunteers and the public and wanting to gain experience in the sector.

This Shadow Ranger role will be based at Cannock Chase Forest and focused on forest management.

Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing our experienced team. Through this opportunity you will develop on the job skills, including development of practical site management, working within communities, volunteer management and forestry management. The placement at Cannock Forest

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enables individuals to gain experience of managing mature woodlands and new planting schemes.

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.

Volunteer uniform.

Formal training opportunities - first aid and manual handling.

Purpose

Experience, encourage and support forestry work in Cannock Chase Forest; through shadowing sustainable land management team, participating in woodland management and learning about harvesting operations. Learn how to involve local people in the decision making and management of their local environment.

Working as part of the team assist, support and help empower local communities to become actively involved in the care and management of woodlands & countryside sites in Cannock Forest. Assist and provide support to a diverse range of people, experiencing a range of tasks, activities and procedures that rangers undertake within their role.

Person Specification

Experience

Essential

An interest in forestry, land management or Forestry England.

Experience of practical conservation, working outdoors, environmental management; through previous employment, voluntary work, or study.

Seeking a career in the environmental sector; craftsperson, forestry, countryside ranger, environmental.

Work with Other People

Essential

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

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Respect diverse backgrounds, views, and approaches.
Willingness to work as part of a team as well as the ability to work on your own.

Desirable

Willingness and enthusiastic to lead groups and activities.

Communication

Essential

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

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

Deliver Results

Essential

Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.

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 mean. This role will require a DBS check.

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How to apply

To apply for this Shadow Ranger opportunity please complete the online [Shadow Ranger application form](#) . **Answer the questions on the form and** explain how your skills, interests and experiences meet all the areas outlined in this Person Specification. Please use **examples** where appropriate, without detail we cannot see how you meet the role specification.

Specify you are applying for *Forestry - Cannock*

If you are unable to use our online application or need an alternative application method email centraldistrictvol@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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