

New Forest Engagement Volunteer Ranger

Recreation & Conservation

The New Forest, Lyndhurst, Hampshire

Country

England

Location

The New Forest, Hampshire

Role Description

New Forest Engagement Volunteer Rangers (EVRs) carry out a wide range of duties throughout the year including: patrolling the forest in the Ranger Van to make sure the public stay safe and enjoy their visit; leading guided walks; engaging with the public during Pony Drifts and at the information unit at Bolderwood; and attending events such as The New Forest Show. EVRs also help support the New Forest National Park Authority whilst they are out and about engaging people with their mobile unit.

How to get involved

We are seeking self-motivated, adaptable, outgoing local people who can communicate with a wide and varied audience. Ideally you should enjoy meeting and working with people, and providing assistance in a polite and constructive manner. We are looking for team players, but those who are also able to work on their own initiative.

While no formal qualifications are required, candidates must have a love of The New Forest and an interest in natural history. Any previous experience of volunteering would be advantageous. This role is open to 18 year olds and above; there is no maximum age limit.

Engagement Volunteer Ranger

We hope that all our Engagement Volunteer Rangers can support us for an average of **two days per month**. Each engagement duty tends to last **between four and five hours** a day - volunteers must be available for the duration. Demand for these positions is high and consequently, we are looking for commitment to volunteering with the service in the long term. In particular, we need people who are happy and able to be flexible.

We are looking for commitment to volunteering during weekend and school holidays as well as Monday to Friday off peak.

You will need to be able to get to and from duty points which are not always easily accessible via public transport.

How to apply

If you are interested in submitting an application, click the option to apply on the *Volunteering in the New Forest* webpage.

Upon starting your online application, type the **Engagement Volunteer Ranger** role name shown at the start of this document when asked “Which volunteer role you would like to apply for”. For the Forest location, type in and select **New Forest Beat Wide**.

If you have any questions or experience issues when applying, please contact us at volunteers.southern@forestryengland.uk.

Applications close mid-February and if successful, you will be invited to an in-person group interview on Thursday 26th February in The New Forest.