



# Shadow Volunteer

## Recreation Ranger - Peak District

Country	England
Location	Peak District, Bamford office, 1 St Johns Close, Bamford, Hope Valley, S33 0BD
Position Type	1 day per week for 6 months
Salary	Voluntary
Closing date for applications	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

## 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.

This role will be based in the Peak District and South Yorkshire area shadowing the Recreation Ranger, predominantly in Wharncliffe and Wombwell Woods near Sheffield and Barnsley, but also offering opportunities in other areas looked after by the Recreation Ranger, such as the Goyt Valley, Snake Woodland and other Derbyshire sites. The role will provide an opportunity for the Shadow to learn about and participate in recreation, woodland management, volunteer work parties and volunteer supervision.

## The Role

We are proud to be able to offer a shadow volunteer opportunity for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in conservation, community engagement,

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recreation, site management, working with volunteers and the public and wanting to gain experience in the sector.

Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing current community ranger staff. They will shadow staff and develop on the job skills, including development of practical site management, working within communities, volunteer management, engaging and working with the public, schools and colleges. The National Forest Shadow Volunteer role enables individuals to gain experience of managing our recently restored Community Woodlands and surrounding mature woodlands.

## What we offer

- Training relevant to the role from the 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, risk assessment, and manual handling.

## Purpose

Experience, encourage and support public engagement on sites within the South Yorkshire and Peak District area; through practical projects, and management of community interest groups and public expectation. Learn how to involve local people in the decision making and management of their local environment.

Working alongside the Recreation Ranger to care and manage countryside sites in South Yorkshire and the Peak District. 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 the environment, Forestry England, woodland management, or recreation.

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## *Desirable*

Experience of practical conservation, environmental education, working with young people or environmental management; through previous employment, voluntary work or study.

Seeking a career in the environmental sector; countryside ranger, environmental or visitor services management.

## **Work with Other People**

### *Essential*

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

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*

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

## Learn and Apply

### *Essential*

Listen to and observe your mentor and rest of the team, demonstrate willing to learn and repeat tasks to build experience.

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 day per week, predominantly Monday to Wednesday, although may occasionally include evenings and weekend working.

Ability to travel to Bamford where the 'beat' is currently based.

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

To apply for this Shadow Ranger opportunity please complete the online [Shadow Volunteer 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 ***Recreation - Peak District***

If you are unable to use our online application or need an alternative application method please email [volunteer@forestryengland.uk](mailto:volunteer@forestryengland.uk) and state which opportunity you wish to apply for and what your requirements are to enable you to apply.

### **Key Dates**

**Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Interview: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**

**Induction: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**