



Volunteer Shadow Ranger

Details

- RECREATION - Sherwood Pines Forest Centre - cycle trails

Country	England
Location	Sherwood Pines Forest Centre, Kings Clipstone, Nottingham Postcode: NG21 9JL
Position Type	1-3 days per week for 6 months
Salary	Voluntary
Closing date for applications	31 st July 2021 5pm

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

We are proud to be able to offer a shadow ranger volunteer opportunities for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in conservation, community engagement, recreation, site management, working with volunteers and the public and wanting to gain experience in delivering and supporting educational activity sessions to groups of all ages and abilities.

Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing the Ranger staff at Sherwood. They will develop on the job skills; including development of learning/teaching techniques, leading and working with groups and planning and running events, practical site management and working/leading volunteers.

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.

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Genuine out of pocket expenses which includes travel expenses beyond your reporting station.

Volunteer parking pass after 35 hours of volunteering. Volunteer uniform.

Purpose

Working as part of the team to deliver key Forestry England messages through recreation and volunteer projects. Work with the Recreation Ranger to oversee the management of all trails and facilities in the wider forest, particularly mountain bike trails. Assist the Recreation Ranger with all trail and facility inspections on a monthly basis. Work with the Recreation Ranger and Contractors to ensure all remedial and maintenance works are carried out. Assist the Recreation Ranger with managing volunteer days and volunteer groups.

Person Specification

Experience

Essential

Interest in, or experience of environmental or outdoor education, working with volunteers, practical site management, delivering sessions to a variety of groups; through previous employment, voluntary work or study.

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

Work 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.

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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.

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.

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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 Ranger application form](#) . **Answer the questions on the form and** explain how your skills, interests and experiences meet all of 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 please email centralvolunteering@forestryengland.uk and state which opportunity you wish to apply for and what your requirements are to enable you to apply.

Closing date: 9th of August 2021 midnight