

Job Description - Wildlife Works Supervisor (PB6a OP)

Job summary

To support the work of East District's Wildlife Ranger team delivering forest protection and habitat conservation objectives.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- Act as Santon Downham deer larder building manager
- Facilitate the delivery of carcasses to the highest standard in line with BQWVS.
- Assist with logistics around the implementation of collaborative culling, team shooting, night shooting and other large-scale culling events.
- Undertake mammal damage, impact surveys and spot checks.
- Assist with the implementation of research projects.
- Basic maintenance of zeroing areas.
- Assist with skills testing.
- Support the wildlife team during collaborative culling, night and out of season culling events.

And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.

Location-Specific Information

The District

This post is based at Santon Downham in East England Forest District

The successful applicant will be based within sensible travelling distance of our Santon Downham deer larder near Brandon.

East District, with over 150 directly employed staff, covers an area of 35,000 ha from North Norfolk to Brighton including Thetford Forest and the outlying beats of Sandlings, Kent, East Sussex, Chilterns and Thames Chase Community Forest.

The District has a varied landholding including the large pine forest at Thetford, community woodland on the outskirts of London and a range of mixed woodland, many of which are on sites of Ancient Woodland. There are numerous sites of conservation interest designated across the district, including SPA, SAC, SSSI, AONB, ASNW, CWS and Scheduled Monuments. The District offers outdoor recreation activities to hundreds of thousands of people each year at its recreation centres and the whole freehold estate is dedicated for public access on foot, with numerous small carparks and informal access points.

East England Forest District Wildlife Team

EEFD Wildlife team are focussed on efficient delivery and pride themselves on delivering high standards of wildlife management across a range of woodland, habitat and landscape objectives, although wildlife management can be traditionally a solitary profession we work together as a team and support each other to deliver Forestry England's goals for the woodlands in our care.

EEFD achieves an annual deer cull in excess of 5000 animals this role will assist the wildlife team to deliver and exceed this challenging target with the aim of protecting and improving the quality of our woodland habitats, the role, while primarily based in Santon Downham will require district wide travel, including the delivery of equipment such as ATV's and Chiller trailers and will require working antisocial hours while supporting culling events.

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- Experience of using effective communication skills to convey messages to a variety of audiences in a variety of settings
- Competent user of IT including Microsoft Office applications.
- Experience of working unsociable hours.
- Experience of working to own initiative and managing working time to achieve optimal outcomes.

Desirable professional and technical experience

- Experience of wildlife management at night.
- Building management experience.
- Experience or food handling industry qualification (carcass handling)

Qualifications

Essential

- Full UK Driving Licence

Desirable

- DMQ Deer Stalkers Certificates Levels 1 and 2 or industry equivalent
- ATV certification
- Experience and relevant qualifications in rodent, and wasp control around buildings.