

Job description - Wildlife ranger / New Forest keeper (PB6a/op)

Job summary

You will work as part of the district's wildlife management team, protecting forests and supporting conservation priorities, including mammal management. You will be a champion for our health and safety culture by demonstrating our value of 'look out and look after'.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- promote a positive and inclusive culture, and actively promote collaboration and support across the district and with stakeholders.
- champion our health & safety culture, using Forestry England's systems and protocols.
- achieve a personal, variable cull of deer and other mammals to protect our forest crop and biodiversity led by District management plans and wider organisational objectives.
- make sure the deer larder, deer carcasses and paperwork meet Forestry England standards, game dealer specification and the requirements of the British Quality Wild Venison scheme (BQWV).
- contribute to district conservation projects and schemes.
- build and maintain productive relationships with stakeholders.
- liaise regularly with district colleagues and help with beat planning, monitoring and delivery including restocking plans, species choice, tree protection and infrastructure requirements.
- do ecological and pre-operation site surveys, advising colleagues of protected species and features of ecological interest.
- liaise with sporting tenants and sporting rights holders.
- support district colleagues engaging with woodland users and promote positive behaviour for protecting forest habitats and infrastructure.
- produce hazard and constraints maps and risk assessments for deer management.
- maintain and be responsible for all equipment issued to you by Forestry England.
- supervise wildlife management and conservation contracts to Forestry England's policy, procedure and guidance (PPGs), deer management-related policies and industry best practice.

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

Location-specific information (optional)

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Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- experience in wildlife (deer) management and wildlife conservation.
- experience in land management and conservation.
- good understanding of woodland management and woodland ecology.
- experience of using effective communication skills to convey messages to a variety of audiences.

- competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications.
- be able to manage a deer dog to Forestry England's standard.

Desirable professional and technical experience

- experience of building management.

Qualifications

Essential

- DMQ deer stalker's certificates levels 1 and 2 including 'trained hunter' status.
- current police firearms certificate.
- full UK driving license.

Desirable

- qualification in wildlife or conservation land management such as a BTEC National Diploma.
- european protected species (EPS) handling licences.
- driving license category B E or be willing to obtain this during your probation.
- appropriately trained in the safe use of Sit-Astride ATVs (Quad Bikes) or be willing to obtain this within the probationary period.
- Forestry First Aid F+.