

Job Description - Tractor Driver/ Operations Craftsperson (PB6b)

Job summary
<p>The main purpose of the role is to drive a tractor carrying out flailing & mowing and other tractor-based operations across Yorkshire Forest District for approximately 80% of the time. The other 20% will be spent working with the other forest crafts persons as part of the North Riding Beat team carrying out a range of practical and countryside skills associated with the ongoing maintenance of the Forest Estate.</p>
Key responsibilities & accountabilities
<p>Tractor Based Operations - General</p> <p>Operate the district tractor to carry out a range operations including mowing and flailing of roadsides to manage unwanted vegetation by mowing & flailing as directed by the Works Supervisor and in accordance with the programme drawn up by the forester.</p> <p>Carry out maintenance of recreation/conservation/heritage sites facilities to district standards as directed by the relevant manager.</p> <p>Ensure compliance with all Health & Safety and environmental regulations, especially with reference to risk assessments and the need for warning signs recognizing the high levels of public access.</p> <p>Winter Working</p> <p>To carry out winter snow ploughing and gritting of Dalby Forest Drive and Visitor Centre Car Park areas as directed by the Beat Forester and Recreation Manager. This will require being on-call and require out of hours and weekend working.</p> <p>Maintain Equipment</p> <p>Maintain vehicles, machinery, tools and equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, Health and Safety Legislation and best practice guidelines. Carry out or arrange for any repairs to be carried out as necessary by working closely with the Mechanical Engineering Workshop at Bellingham; local service engineers, tractors maintenance suppliers and any emergency breakdown providers as required.</p> <p>Craftsperson duties - Other</p> <p>Carry out a diverse range of practical estate maintenance to a high standard meeting health and safety and environmental guidance, including tasks such as planting trees, repairing fences and barriers, maintaining signs, weeding, delivering plants, materials and consumables to work sites.</p> <p>Work effectively as part of a small team and responding quickly to unexpected work and issues raised by supervisors and foresters.</p>
Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

Experience of operating tractor base units and the use of tractor mounted machinery (such as flails, sidearms, Mounted implements, Automatic hitching systems, Trailed machines, PTOs etc) including the servicing and maintenance of such machinery to a high standard and following manufacturers instructions.

Experience of practical work in the countryside and a general understanding of forestry, nature, conservation and countryside based skills.

A familiarity with a variety of hand tools and ability to demonstrate competence in their use.

A full UK Driving Licence.

Desirable professional and technical experience

Technology and IT: ability to operate basic Forestry England computer systems including lone working .

Qualifications

Desirable

Forest machine operators' certificate (FMOC): Base unit tractor and/or City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Tractor Driving and Related Operations.