

Job description - Forest craftsperson (PB6b)

Job summary
<p>You will support the beat forester shaping the land we manage doing a range of operations and inspections in the forest, including helping with practical matters that may arise. Be a champion of our health & safety culture demonstrating our value of ‘look out and look after’ in our work.</p>
Key responsibilities & accountabilities
<p>Operational:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restock and establishment work: hand planting, tree guard construction, repairing fences and controlling vegetation. • clearing and maintaining trees: high pruning, cutting back and felling to maintain access or assist with harvesting operations. • tree safety work: from initial surveys through to remedial chainsaw works. • surveying, including measuring/tariffing, tree safety, stocking densities • when needed, gather operational data accurately and efficiently and maintain appropriate up to date records to the standard required. • contribute to the delivery of key programmes by transporting materials and consumables to work sites across the Kielder Forest area. • assist with the running of our coldstore facility - occasionally taking in deliveries, performing quality checks on trees and delivering saplings out to sites. <p>Team working and health and safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • operate and maintain tools and resources to required standards and make sure work on site meets our health and safety standards. • by effectively liaising with colleagues and stakeholders, plan, implement and deliver efficient work programmes that help meet Forestry England’s aims and objectives. • maintain a high standard of professionalism when representing Forestry England. • carrying out risk assessments working to high health and safety standards which are guided by FISA (Forest Industry Safety Accord). <p>And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.</p>
Location-specific information (optional)
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Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- practical experience in forestry or countryside / environmental management.
- general understanding of forestry, arboriculture, nature conservation, outdoor recreation and countryside-related issues.
- competently use a range of hand tools.
- awareness of health and safety systems relevant to practical countryside work e.g. risk assessments, Forest Industry Safety Accord (FISA) guides and lone working systems.
- competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications.
- good interpersonal and communication skills, and ability to work effectively alone and as part of a team.

Qualifications

Essential

- NPTC or Lantra qualification in one or more practical forestry based skills - such as chainsaw, herbicide application, ATV, strimmer etc.
- full UK driving license, however Forestry England is willing to consider any proposals put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the job by any other means.

Desirable

- forestry or land management qualification.
- further NPTC and Lantra qualifications in Forestry based skills.
- emergency first aid at work + forestry (F).
- a GCSE in Maths and English, or functional skills equivalent.
- knowledge of using Forester Web software.