

## Job description - Forest craftsperson (PB6b)

### Job summary

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.

### Key responsibilities & accountabilities

#### Operational:

- restock and establishment work: hand planting, tree guard construction, repairing fences and controlling vegetation.
- clearing and maintaining trees: high pruning, cutting back and felling.
- tree safety work: surveys, putting up safety signs and safety fencing.
- tree survey work related to managing potentially hazardous trees.
- estate maintenance work such as high pruning operations to maintain access and the management or clearance of trees or other vegetation.
- make sure work programmes you are responsible for are delivered effectively and efficiently.
- surveying, including measuring/tariffing, tree safety, stocking density and a variety of recreation trails.
- when needed, gather operational data accurately and efficiently and maintain appropriate up to date records to the standard required.

#### Team working and health and safety:

- 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.
- engage proactively and respond constructively to existing and prospective customers and present the highest standards of professionalism when representing Forestry England in the marketplace.
- carrying out risk assessments working to high health and safety standards which are guided by FISA (Forest Industry Safety Accord).

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

- 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

- City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award or equivalent in one or more practical forestry skills such as chainsaw maintenance, cross cutting, and felling and processing trees up to 380mm or equivalent qualification.
- full UK driving license, however the Forestry Commission is willing to consider any proposals put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the job by any other means.
- NPTC (or equivalent) in safely applying pesticides using handheld applicators.

#### 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.