

Job Description - Forest Craftsperson (PB6b)

Job summary

You will support the beat forester shaping the land we manage by 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 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 plants, materials and consumables to work sites across the Kielder Forest area.
- Contribute to the delivery and maintenance of recreational facilities by the repair of key walking and mountain bike trails.

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.
- 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).

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

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.
- Competent using 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.