

## Vacancy Details

### *Shadow Ranger Voluntary Apprenticeship*

<b>Country</b>	England
<b>Location</b>	Sherwood Pines, Notts
<b>Position Type</b>	1-3 days per week for 6 months
<b>Salary</b>	Voluntary
<b>Closing date for applications</b>	12 March 2012

## Background Information

Sherwood and Northants Forest District is part of Forest Enterprise, an Agency of the Forestry Commission, and we manage 21,627 ha of the Public Forest Estate on behalf of the Government.

We are looking for individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in bushcraft/survival skills, working with young people, environmental education or recreation and wanting to gain experience in the sector. Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing current environmental education staff.

They will shadow staff and develop on the job skills; including development of bushcraft techniques, leading and working with groups of young people of all abilities, planning and undertaking events, and assisting with environmental education.

Unfortunately at the present time we **cannot** offer travel expenses however we do provide extensive experience and some formal training opportunities.

## Purpose of the Apprenticeship

Experience and encourage active involvement of young people in the art of bushcraft, team building and environmental education at Sherwood Pines Forest Park. Engage with all ages and abilities to inspire them to enjoy and appreciate their outdoor environment; through ranger-led sessions, practical projects, activities and events.

Working as part of the Education Ranger team assist, support and help inspire groups to become actively involved and enjoy their woodland. Assist and provide support to a diverse range of people, experiencing the range of tasks, activities and procedures that rangers undertake within their role.

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## Person Specification

### Experience

#### *Essential*

Experience of bushcraft, environmental education, working with young people or environmental management; through previous employment, voluntary work or study.

Seeking a career in the environmental sector; countryside ranger, environmental education, youth worker or bushcraft and survival skills.

#### *Desirable*

Experience of managing the health and safety of members of the public.

### Work with Other People

#### *Essential*

Be approachable, open, polite and helpful to others.

Respect diverse backgrounds, views and approaches.

#### *Desirable*

Willingness and enthusiastic to lead groups and activities.

### Communication

#### *Essential*

Ability to listen and communicate with people from a variety of age groups, abilities, behaviours and backgrounds.

Willingness to work as part of a team as well as the ability to work on your own.

Ability to deal with difficult situations with tact, diplomacy and in a constructive manner.

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## **Deliver Results**

### *Essential*

Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.

Prioritise and organise your time and resources effectively to meet agreed deadlines and objectives.

### *Desirable*

Understand and apply current legislation, rules and procedures relevant to the job (e.g. Health & Safety, Risk assessment).

## **Learn and Apply**

### *Essential*

Be open to change and show a willingness to undertake appropriate training to develop new skills and confidence.

Take responsibility for own work, learning from experience, mistakes and constructive feedback

## **Other**

Able and willing to work 1-3 days per week, predominantly weekdays although may occasionally include evenings, overnight sleepouts and weekend working.

This post may require you to hold and continue to hold, a full current driving licence. Duties will require you to be fit and able to negotiate rough terrain. However, the Forestry Commission is willing to consider any proposal put forward by applicants that would allow them to do the job by other means.

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## How to apply

To apply for a Shadow Ranger placement please send a **CV and covering letter**, explaining how your interests and experiences meet all of the areas outlined in the Person Specification. Please use **examples** where appropriate.

Specify which placement you are applying for; Shadow Ranger-Nottinghamshire.

Address applications to Louise Fleetwood, c/o Forestry Commission, Sherwood Forest District Office, Kings Clipstone, Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9JL or email them to [louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk).

Closing date: **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012**