

SHADOW RANGER VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT

(Nottinghamshire & South Yorkshire)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Shadow Ranger placements are a great opportunity for individuals wanting to gain intensive on-the-job experience within the environmental sector. Candidates often have some previous experience, either through volunteering or study, and use the placement as a means of building on their skill base with different organisations.

We are looking for **individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in countryside management**. Successful applicants will be given training and development opportunities by work shadowing current countryside management staff.

They will develop on the job skills and experience, including practical site management (incl. habitat creation and restoration); working with communities (project development and implementation); planning and undertaking countryside events; and environmental education.

Unfortunately at the present time, we cannot offer travel expenses, however we do provide an extensive range of informal and formal training.

SHADOW RANGER PLACEMENTS

The placement will be bespoke and flexible to suit individual needs, but is likely to be **1 - 3 days a week** for a **six month period**.

Sherwood Forest Community Rangers are part of the Forestry Commission who co-ordinate the Shadow Ranger placement scheme through a partnership between;

- Forestry Commission (Nottinghamshire & South Yorkshire)
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

The Shadow Ranger placement provides each trainee with a mentor and we have opportunities for 3-5 placements within the above organisations.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a Shadow Ranger placement please send a **CV and covering letter**, explaining how your interest and experiences meet the Shadow Ranger Person Specification, to Louise Fleetwood, c/o Forestry Commission, Sherwood Forest District Office, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9JL or email them to louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

Closing date: Thursday 1st April 2010

Shadow Ranger Person Specification (April 2010)

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Experience	<p>Must have a proven interest and knowledge of countryside and environmental issues, through voluntary work in the field or study.</p> <p>Seeking a career in the environmental sector; countryside management / community / environmental initiatives.</p>	<p>A knowledge of the history / natural history of the local area.</p>
Communicate	<p>Ability to listen and communicate with people from a variety of age groups and backgrounds.</p> <p>Willingness to work as part of a team as well as the ability to work on your own.</p>	<p>Ability to deal with difficult situations with tact, diplomacy and in a constructive manner.</p>
Work with other people	<p>Respect diverse backgrounds, views and approaches.</p> <p>Flexible, reliable and approachable.</p>	<p>Willingness to lead groups and activities.</p>
Deliver Results	<p>Motivated and capable of working under own initiative.</p> <p>Prioritise and organise own time and resources effectively.</p>	<p>Working knowledge of Health and Safety law and practice and an understanding of data protection legislation.</p>
Learn and Apply	<p>Be open to change and show a willingness to undertake appropriate training to develop new skills and confidence.</p> <p>Be open and responsive to constructive feedback on performance.</p>	
Other	<p>Able and willing to work 1-3 days per week, including evenings and weekends.</p> <p>Duties will require you to be fit and able to negotiate rough terrain.</p>	<p>Some of the placements require you to hold, and to continue to hold, a full current driving licence.</p>