Volunteering Opportunities in Interpretation and Outreach

Event Volunteer

Do you like sharing what’s special about the New Forest with people? Would you like to be part of a team running events in the National Park?

As part of the Our Past Our Future Landscape Partnership Scheme, the New Forest National Park Authority is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with events and activities aimed at connecting people to the National Park.

See the role description for full details.

OPOF Event Volunteer (CitF)
Camping in the Forest
Mid July to early September

We are seeking volunteers to support our seasonal Assistant Rangers in delivering a series of family activity sessions and guided walks, on the eight Forestry Commission camp sites in the New Forest from mid July to early September.

Planned activities include:
- Morning and afternoon activity sessions relating to the nature and ecology of the New Forest. E.g. bug hunting, stream dipping, arts and crafts, sensory exploration games, wildlife and tree identification games and a nature table with artefacts
- Family dusk walks. A short walk from the campsite to discover and enjoy the forest at dusk.

Volunteer Skills

We are seeking volunteers with lots of energy and a passion for working with and engaging families in the natural environment. Experience of and the ability to work with mixed aged groups in the outdoors is helpful; able to adapt to changing environment is essential. Some training will be provided; in particular Walk Leader training to help satisfy the demand for the very popular dusk walks, volunteers with experience of and comfortable with leading guided
walks are especially welcome.

### Volunteering Opportunities

Up to 60 sessions run from mid July to early September; morning and afternoon sessions, with sessions typically lasting from 2 to 4 hours.

### Volunteer commitment

- Volunteers must be able to attend a half day induction session in July.
- Attend our Walk Leader training for those assisting on the dusk walks.
- Volunteers must be prepared to commit to (booked in advance) attending a minimum of 5 sessions over the period.

### Essential Information

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<td>Estimated preferred hours per month</td>
<td>Minimum 5 sessions during the period</td>
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<td>Location</td>
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<td>Training</td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>Dress code</td>
<td>A volunteer badge will be provided. For certain tasks and events other equipment will be provided as required.</td>
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### Key Words / Tags

friendly, enthusiastic, communicator, outdoors, sociable, dependable, heritage, nature

### How to find out more or register your interest

[www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/landscape-partnership](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/landscape-partnership)

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There will also be opportunities to volunteer on other tasks as part of the Our Past, Our Future Landscape Partnership Scheme.